

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

RSA-3351-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 01.06.2018

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and another Appellants

Versus

Jit Singh

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

PRESENT: Mr. Aman Sharma, Advocate for the appellants.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Relying upon judgment dated 04.09.2017 of a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-15306-2016 and other connected matters, learned counsel for the appellant-Corporation contends that in similarly situated circumstances, 9% interest per annum has been granted to the retired employees akin to the respondent, on the delayed payment after expiry of three months period from the date of his retirement till its actual payment. Therefore, the impugned judgment dated 08.11.2017 of the trial Court, affirmed by the Ist Appellate Court vide judgment dated 13.04.2018, where interest at 12% per annum has been granted, may kindly be modified to this extent.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the appellants-Corporation and considering the above referred judgment of a co-ordinate Bench of this Court, the judgment of the trial Court dated 08.11.2017 and that of the Ist Appellate Court dated 13.04.2018, are modified to the extent that the appellant-Corporation shall pay up-to-date interest to the respondent @ 9% per annum on the delayed payment, after expiry of three months period from the date of his retirement till date of actual payment of retiral benefits to him. The payment be made within a period of six weeks from today.

The instant Regular Second Appeal is disposed of accordingly, without issuing notice to the respondent, to avoid expense and delay.

A copy of this order be sent to the respondent. If he has any grievance he may file an application in that regard. If such an application is filed within one month of receipt of the order by him, the same be listed.

June 01, 2018
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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No