

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.15444 of 2000

Date of Decision: 22.07.2019

State of Punjab and others

... Petitioners

Versus

Angrej Singh and another

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab,
for the petitioners.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)

The retiral benefits have been released to respondent No.1 according to the State counsel many years ago. Respondent No.1's pensionary benefits and other dues have been cleared in the year 1999. There were two medical bills pending post December 1999. Both have since been paid.

The only issue which has been brought up by the State of Punjab in the present petition against the order of the Lok Adalat dated December 13, 1999 is in challenging the award of interest on claim for reimbursement of medical expenses by reason of delay in payment. This issue is covered by the judgment of the Supreme Court in O.P. Garg v. State of Punjab, J.T. (1996) 10 SC 36 that interest is not payable on the amount of medical reimbursement.

As a result, the petition succeeds and the order of the Lok Adalat is set aside to the extent it awards interest on delayed payment of medical expenses.

**(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No