

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 16036 of 2019
Date of Decision: 07.11.2019

Bachan Dass

..... *Petitioner*

V/s.

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Veneet Sharma,, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Chaudhary, Advocate
for respondents No. 1 and 2.

Mr. Ashdeep Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Ashok Kumar Arora, Advocate
for respondent no.3.

G.S. SANDHAWALIA,J(ORAL).

The petitioner in the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeks directions to the respondents to release the pension and other retiral benefits alongwith 18% interest.

As per reply filed by respondent no.3, cheques of Rs.8,47,011/- and Rs.4,85,962/- dated 29.07.2019 (Annexures R-1 and R-2 respectively) for gratuity and leave encashment have been issued in favour of the petitioner.

Admittedly the petitioner retired from service on 30.09.2016. Hence, the respondents are liable to pay interest in view of the judgment of the Full Bench passed in **A.S. Randhawa, Supdt. Engineer(Retd.) vs. State of Punjab 1998 (1) SCT 343.**

Accordingly, the respondent shall pay interest 8% per annum from 01.12.2016 till 30.07.2019 within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the amount is not paid within the abovesaid prescribed period, the rate of interest shall go up to 10% per annum till payment.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

November 07, 2019
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No