

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP-13130-2017

Date of Decision: 22.01.2019

Nirmala Devi

... Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr.Surinder Garg, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Pawan Preet Sandhu, Advocate  
for respondent No.4.

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**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J**

In the present writ petition, counsel for the petitioner states that except payment of Rs.68,000/-, all the other payments have been released and further, the petitioner is entitled for the interest on the delayed release of the payment.

Learned counsel for the respondent(s) states that by 31.03.2019, payment of Rs.68,000/-, for which the petitioner is entitled for, will also be released and, therefore, the present writ petition can be disposed of by giving the direction that the payment should also be released by 31.03.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will also file a representation with the respondent(s) claiming the interest in view of the law laid down by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S.Randhwa vs. State of Punjab** reported as 1997 (3) S.C.T. 468, wherein it has been held that where an employee has been released the pensionary benefits after undue and unexplained delay, the employee is entitled for interest on the delayed payment.

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Counsel for the petitioner states that in the present case, there is no explanation about the delayed payments.

Learned counsel for the respondent(s) has no objection to consider the representation about the grant of interest also while making the remaining payment of Rs.68,000/- by 31.03.2019.

Learned counsel for respondent No.4 assures this Court that the representation will be considered as per the settled principal of law as mentioned above.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in view of the undertaking given by the respondent(s), this petition can be disposed of as not pressed at this stage.

Disposed of as not pressed.

**22.01.2019**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

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