

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP No.22668 of 2015
Decided on : 20.11.2019**

Surya Parkash Nagpal

... Petitioner

Versus

State Bank of India and others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Tribhawan Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. C.B. Goel, Advocate
for the respondents.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India the petitioner seeks directions to the respondents authorities to release the Leave Fare Concession Bill alongwith interest @ 18% per annum.

Mr. Goel, has pointed out that vide letter dated 30.10.2019 addressed by the Bank to the petitioner, a sum of ₹2,37,018/- has been credited in the account of the petitioner on the said date in Account No.10886026777. Photocopy of the said letter has been placed on record as Mark 'A'.

Mr. Singla, does not dispute the said factual aspect.

The only issue now remains is whether the Bank is liable to pay interest on the delayed payment withheld for all these long years for the reimbursement of the Leave Fare Concession which has been claimed in the present writ petition.

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A perusal of the communication dated 30.10.2019 which has now been placed on record as Mark 'A', would go on to show that leave travel facility was availed in July, 2011.

Resultantly, this Court is of the opinion that there has been unreasonable delay in making the payment to the petitioner and the Bank has unnecessarily withheld the payment. Accordingly, the respondent-Bank has become liable to pay interest on the said payment from 01.01.2012 to 30.10.2019 @ 7% per annum.

Needful be done within a period of 2 months from the receipt of the certified copy of this order, failing which the interest rate shall go up to 10%.

The present writ petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

NOVEMBER 20, 2019
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No