

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-23649-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 15.11.2019

Jasmine Singh & others

--Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala & another

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. R.S. Kalra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate for the respondents.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

As per pleadings on record, petitioners, who are 53 in number, were promoted from the post of Clerk to that of Senior Assistant under the Punjabi University, Patiala vide promotion orders dated 9.5.2018 and 1.6.2018. Orders of promotion have been placed on record and annexed as Annexures P-2 and P-3.

The precise grievance that was projected in the petition was that inspite of having joined on the promoted post and having discharged the duties and responsibilities attached to the post of Senior Assistant, the emoluments as per pay scale admissible to the post of Senior Assistant from the date of promotion till October, 2018 have not been released.

Learned counsel representing the respondent-university has informed the Court that the entire arrears as regards salary pertaining to the promoted post and on which the petitioners have discharged their duties have since been released. He candidly concedes that the arrears have been released only after filing of the instant petition.

In view of the above, instant petition is rendered infructuous.

At this stage, counsel for petitioners would submit that the amount in question which was the rightful due of the petitioners was withheld by the employer/respondent-university without any justifiable basis and the petitioners, as such, ought to be granted interest on the delayed release of salary.

Writ petition is disposed of as infructuous.

The issue with regard to claim of the petitioners for grant of interest on the delayed release of salary is kept open.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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