

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

CWP No.5989 of 2018

Date of decision: 6.5.2019

Balbir Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Mohd. Yusuf, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Simran Grewal Randhawa, AAG, Punjab
for respondent nos. 3 to 5.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks the benefit of interest on compensation of ₹ 2,06,000/- which was deposited by respondent no.2-National Highway Authority of India with respondent no.5 on account of acquisition of land.

The petitioner has approached this Court on account of compensation not being paid and notice of motion was issued on 12.3.2018. The amount was paid only on 9.7.2018 as per written statement filed on behalf of respondents no.3 to 5. The only defence taken for delay of payment is on account of the fact that the land records as such were being updated and therefore, there was delay in disbursement of the payment.

Counsel for the petitioner accordingly submits that statutory interest thus has to be paid by the respondents on account of delay payment.

Resultantly, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.5 to pay the statutory interest for the period of delay on the amount of compensation which has been paid. The exercise shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

May 06, 2019
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(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No