

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-8914-2018

Date of decision: - 01.02.2019

Gurdeep Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Ravi Rana, Advocate
for Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate
for the respondents.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioners is that they are entitled for interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits.

As per the averments made in the present writ petition, petitioners are retired employees of the Punjabi University, who have superannuated from service starting from the year 2013 onwards. The claim in the present writ petition is that the pensionary benefits of the petitioners were released much after their date of retirement. The said benefits were withheld by the respondents without any valid justification and as per the settled principle of law settled by a Full Bench of this

Court in A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468, the petitioners are entitled for interest on the delayed release of the payment.

Counsel for the parties agree that the similar writ petitions bearing CWP No.17107 of 2015 and other connected cases were decided on 16.02.2018 in respect of the same relief, as claimed in the present writ petition by the petitioners. While deciding the said writ petitions, this Court has granted interest @ 9% per annum on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits.

Counsel for the parties agree that the present writ petition can be disposed of in terms of the directions given by this Court in CWP No.17107 of 2015 and other connected cases.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is also disposed of in terms of CWP No.17107 of 2015 and other connected cases, as requested by counsel for the parties.

February 01, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes
Whether reportable?	No