

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**CWP No.27843 of 2019**

**DATE OF DECISION:30.09.2019**

Swatantar Kumar and others

... Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and another

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. H.S. Saini, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

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**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)**

In the present writ petition, the prayer of the petitioners is that the petitioners upon their retirement were not released their pensionary benefits within the reasonable time and, therefore, keeping in view the settled principles of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others**, 1997(3) SCT 468, the petitioners are entitled to be compensated by the grant of interest on the delayed payments, which were delayed without any valid justification.

Keeping in view the advance notice, Mr. Ajayvir Singh,

Advocate appears and accepts notice on behalf of the Punjabi University, Patiala.

Counsel for the respondents states that no reply is needed to be filed in the present writ petition keeping in view the averments made in the writ petition.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents very fairly admits that similarly situated employees have already been granted interest by this Court while deciding CWP No.21736 of 2018 decided on 31.01.2019 wherein 9% interest has been granted by this Court on the delayed payments. He submits that the petitioners will also be released the said benefit of interest @ 9% per annum from the date the amount became due till the same was released.

Counsel for the respondents states that he has already sought instructions in this regard from the concerned officer of the Punjabi University, Patiala and as per his instructions, the benefit of 9% of interest to the petitioners will be released by 31.12.2019 after calculating the same keeping in view the entitlement of the petitioners from the date of retirement upto the date on which the pensionary benefits were released.

Counsel for the petitioners states that in view the statement made by the counsel for the respondents, the present writ petition be disposed of as having not pressed any further.

Disposed of as having not pressed.

Respondents will be bound by their undertaking as recorded above that the petitioners will be paid interest @ 9% per annum from the date the retiral benefits had become due till the

payment of the same and the said amount will be released to the petitioners before 31.12.2019.

**September 30, 2019**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes / No  
Whether reportable : Yes / No