

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

**CWP No. 26251 of 2016  
Date of Decision : 09.04.2019**

**Dilbag Singh Mavi**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**...Respondents**

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

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh Kalra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. A.P.S. Tung, Advocate for respondents No. 5 and 6.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)**

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that though the benefit as claimed in the present writ petition such as gratuity and leave encashment, have already been released to the petitioner but the same were released after an unexplained delay, hence petitioner is entitled for interest on these delayed released payments. Learned counsel prays that petitioner be given liberty to file an appropriate representation with the respondents to claim the said benefit in view of the settled principle of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468* to the effect that if there is unjustified delay in releasing the pensionary benefits, the employee will be entitled for interest.

Learned counsel for the respondents very fairly state that in case any such representation is filed, an appropriate order will be passed on the same within a period of two months from the receipt of the said representation.

In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner states that no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition.

Writ petition stands disposed of having been rendered infructuous.

**April 09, 2019**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No*  
*Whether reportable? Yes/No*