

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.16933 of 2020

Date of Decision:13.10.2020

Jaswinder Pal

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioner seeks, issuance of a direction to the respondents to grant him interest at the rate of 18% p.a., on the delayed payment of salary.

It is submitted that the petitioner's salary, who is working as a daily wager with respondent no.5, was not being released, on account of which the petitioner was constrained to file CWP No. 7050 of 2020. During the pendency of the said writ petition, his salary was released and the said writ petition was withdrawn on 03.07.2020, wherein liberty was afforded to the petitioner to submit a representation claiming interest for the delayed payment as well as balance of arrears of salary.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that representation dated 16.07.2020 (Annexure P-4) was submitted, however, no action is being taken by the authorities.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his

prayer for the decision upon representation dated 16.07.2020 (Annexure P-4), in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Competent Authority, to decide representation dated 16.07.2020 (Annexure P-4), submitted by the petitioner within two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Amount if any, found due towards the petitioner be released within one month thereafter. In case of a decision adverse to the petitioner, the same be by way of a speaking order.

13.10.2020

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**[LISA GILL]
Judge**

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