

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-24205 of 2015

Date of decision: 22.01.2020

Malvinder Kaur

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. S.K. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl.AG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioner is that prior to her joining the Department of Education as JBT teacher on 13.03.1992, she was working in Adult Education Scheme, which was a Central Government sponsored scheme and while working in the Adult Education, a sum of Rs.18,884/- was deducted as GPF, which was not paid to her after she retired from service on attaining the age of supernannuation from the Department of Education on 31.10.2013. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that petitioner was entitled for the release of amount of GPF alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the respondents, keeping in view the averments made in paragraph-2 of the reply states that at the time of retirement of the petitioner, amount of GPF, which was deducted from the salary of the petitioner amounting to Rs.18,884/- was not credited and, hence, was not paid

to her but, subsequently, the said amount was paid on 08.03.2016 alongwith interest upto 31.12.2013. Learned counsel for the respondents states that a total sum of Rs.1,55,466/- has been released in favour of the petitioner. With regard to the claim of the petitioner for interest for the period from 01.01.2014 till 08.03.2016, learned counsel for the respondents states that the said claim was under consideration at the time of filing of the written statement in February, 2018 and must have been paid now by the respondents to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner pleads ignorance about payment of interest on the amount of Rs.18,884/- for a period from 01.01.2014 till 08.03.2016.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-State that in case, the interest on the GPF amount of Rs.18,884/- for a period from 01.01.2014 till 08.03.2016, which was under consideration at the time of filing of written statement, has not already been released, the same be released to the petitioner within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

No other argument has been raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner for consideration of this Court.

Writ petition stands disposed of in above terms.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/non-speaking? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |