

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

CWP 12829 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: July 15, 2021

Pankaj Raj

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Narinder Pal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioner has come up in this civil writ petition under articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* by directing the respondents to grant interest @ 18% per annum on account of delay in making payments of retiral benefits pertaining to GPF including payment of principal amount of missing credits, gratuity and payment of leave encashment etc., for which, legal notice dated 03.06.2021 (Annexure P-5) has also been served upon the

respondents.

Heard.

In the light of oral submissions of the petitioner side the directions are issued to respondents to duly consider the the legal notice dated 03.06.2021 (Annexure P-4) as representation of the petitioner and decide the same in accordance with law by passing a speaking order, preferably, within a period of one month from the date of passing of this order.

Disposed off.

July 15, 2021

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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No