

CWP-14115-2021

Date of decision: 17.08.2021

Vikas Kumar

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate
for the petitioner.**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* for issuance of directions to the respondents to immediately pay interest @ 18 % per annum on the late payment of death-cum-retirement gratuity having been paid on 25.02.2021 i.e. after a long delay of about 4 ½ years.

Notice of motion to the official respondents-State.

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Senior DAG, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State. Copy supplied.

Heard.

Upon hearing learned counsel of both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to the official respondents to consider the representation dated 10.03.2021 (Annexure P-6) moved by 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 receipt of the certified copy of this order.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

17.08.2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No