

CWP-15391-2021

Date of decision: 25.08.2021

Sushma Sharma

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** Mr. Rakesh Sobti, 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 release the interest @ 18% per annum for the delayed payments of retiral benefits including pension in terms of law laid down by the Full Bench of this Hon'ble Court in the matter of A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others reported as 1997 (3) RSJ 318 and the Hon'ble Supreme Court Judgment in S.K. Dua Vs. State of Haryana reported as Air 2008 SC 1077.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, 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 legal notice dated 10.05.2021 (Annexure P-4) as representation 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.

If found entitled and if there is no impediment for the release of payment, the same be granted to the petitioner without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

25.08.2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No