

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

CWP No.22251 of 2021

Date of decision: 2nd November, 2021

Kuldeep Singh Bhalla

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, 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 invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of mandamus for issuance of directions to the respondents to pay interest @ 12% p.a. on account of delayed payment of gratuity amount which was paid to the petitioner on 05.02.2021 after a delay of 17 years and 7 months; as well as to decide the legal notice dated 23.06.2021 (Annexure P-4).

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents. Copy of the paper book has been supplied to him.

Upon hearing learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with direction to the respondents to consider the legal notice dated 23.06.2021 (Annexure P-4), as representation 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 a 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.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

November 2, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No