

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

CWP-24318-2021

Date of decision: 01.12.2021

Kanwalsher Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Jatin Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

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 release the gratuity to the petitioner along with interest @ 18% from the date it became due till the date of actual payment, which has been withheld in a totally illegal manner without any justification despite the fact that there is no criminal case, a vigilance case or department inquiry pending against the petitioner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab puts in

appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the 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-cum-representation dated 20.07.2021 (Annexure P-8) 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 relief, the same be granted to the petitioner without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

01.12.2021
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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No