

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

CWP No.1907 of 2022

Date of decision: 3rd February, 2022

Bimla

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Puneet Kumar Bansal, 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 writ jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking appropriate writ in the nature of mandamus for issuance of directions to the respondents to pay interest as per the provisions of The Provident Fund Act on delayed deposit of amount of provident fund (both employer share as well as employee share) in her account from the date the said amount was due to be deposited till the date of retirement, and further to release pension, gratuity, leave encashment, provident fund and all other benefits to the petitioner along with interest @ 18% p.a. from the date it became due till actual payment to the petitioner, as well as to decide the legal notice dated 14.12.2021 (Annexure P-2).

Heard.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Simran Grewal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents. Copy of the paper book has been supplied to her.

Upon hearing learned counsel for both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with direction to the official respondents to consider the legal notice dated 14.12.2021 (Annexure P2) 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 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

February 3, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No