

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

(115)

CWP-4628-2022

Date of Decision : March 22, 2022

Madan Gopal

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Munish Jolly, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest keeping in view the fact that the petitioner retired from service in the year 2015 whereas the pensionary benefits have been released now.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that there were disciplinary proceedings pending against the petitioner wherein, initially the petitioner had got an interim order restraining the Department from finalizing the same and it was only after the petitioner withdrew the said prayer before this Court, the enquiry proceedings were concluded whereafter, the pensionary benefit were released and therefore, the delay cannot be attributed to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the challenge to the charge sheet is still pending consideration before this Court and

therefore, the petitioner be allowed to agitate his claim for the grant of interest after the proceedings in CWP No.15607-2016 are concluded, in case petitioner is of the opinion that he is entitled for the same.

Ordered accordingly.

March 22, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No