

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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(1) CWP-5806-2021

Balwinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and others

...Respondents

(2) CWP-7666-2021

Date of Decision :25.04.2022

Darshan Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate for respondent-University.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

By this common order, above mentioned two writ petitions are being disposed of together as both the writ petitions involve the same question of law.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the petitioners are the retired employees of the respondent-Punjabi University, Patiala and have approached this Court for the release of retrial benefits alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that most of the retrial benefits, for the release of which, the petitioners have filed the

present petition, have been released to the petitioners but they have not been paid interest on the delayed payments as per the settled principle of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468.**

Learned counsel for the petitioners prays that the petitioners be given liberty to approach the respondent-University so as to claim interest by way of filing appropriate representation.

Learned counsel for the respondent-University submits that in case any representation is filed by the petitioner claiming interest on delayed payments, the same will be decided in accordance with law by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Keeping in view the above, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to the respondent-University that in case any representation is filed by the petitioner claiming interest on the delayed payments, the same will be decided within a period of 08 weeks from the date of receipt of the said representation and in case after the decision, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for any relief, the same will be released to them within a period of next four weeks.

It will be appreciated in case while passing order on the representation of the petitioners for the grant of interest, settled principle of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in A.S. Randhawa's case (Supra) is kept in mind.

April 25, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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