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

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**CWP-8992-2022**

**Date of Decision: 29.04.2022**

Vijay Kumar and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Punjab Agriculture University and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Saurabh Kapoor, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

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**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that though in the present petition, the interest is being sought for by the petitioners on the delayed release of the service benefits of the deceased-Dr. Subhash Chander, to them, from the date of the death of said Dr. Subhash Chander, who was working as an Associate Professor with respondent No.1-University, but the petitioners restrict their claim to the grant of said interest after 27.11.2015, i.e. the date when the petitioners were declared the legal heirs of deceased-Dr. Subhash Chander by the competent Court of law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that after the said declaration, there was no impediment in releasing the service benefits of the deceased-Dr. Subhash Chander to the petitioners, but still the respondents took three years time to release the said benefits, therefore, the petitioners are entitled for the grant of interest on the said delayed payments by the respondents keeping in view the settled principle of law laid down by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court, while passing order in **CWP-15867-2001**

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titled as **"J.S. Cheema Vs. State of Haryana and others"**, decided on

20.11.2013.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the petitioners have also raised the same grievance before the respondents by serving legal notice dated 10.08.2020 (Annexure P-7), which is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned and the petitioners will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to respondent No.1 to decide the said legal notice, dated 10.08.2020, by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and without going into merits of the claim as raised by the petitioners in the present case as well as in the legal notice dated 10.08.2020 (Annexure P-7), this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.1 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the legal notice dated 10.08.2020 (Annexure P-7), filed by the petitioners, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.

**29.04.2022**

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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
2. Whether reportable : No