

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

**CWP No.15411 of 2021 alongwith
CM-13992-2021
Date of Decision:-30.03.2022**

Harbhajan Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

...Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kannan Malik, Advocate
for the respondents.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J.(Oral)

CM-13992-2021

This is an application filed for issuance of contempt proceedings against respondents No.1 to 5 for not complying with the order dated 12.8.2021.

It is submitted in the application that while issuing notice of motion on 12.8.2021 the following order was passed :-

“Notice of motion for 31.08.2021.

In the meanwhile, competent authority to pass

appropriate administrative orders on the pending legal notice dated 24.05.2021 to take a final decision, either way, and give specific reasons thereof. Copy of the administrative order so passed, be placed on the Court file on or before the next date of hearing.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he does not want to press the application and the same may kindly be disposed of as such.

Ordered accordingly.

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In the present petition the prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of direction to the respondents to release the pensionary benefits of the late husband of the petitioner, who unfortunately died on 15.04.2021 while serving in PSPCL.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the husband of the petitioner died on 15.4.2021, the benefits in respect of the service rendered by him, have only been released to the petitioner after inordinate delay despite the fact that there was no impediment in releasing of the same. Learned counsel for the petitioner very fairly submits that during the pendency of the present petition, all the benefits for which the petitioner is entitled for, have been released but as there is delay in releasing the benefits, which is attributable to the respondents, the petitioner is entitled for grant of interest on the said delayed release of payment keeping in view the judgment of Full Bench of this Court in **A.S.**

Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that in

case the petitioner raises any grievance including the grant of interest on delayed release of pensionary benefits by filing appropriate representation, the same will be looked into keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case coupled with the settled principles of law and an appropriate order on the said representation will be passed by the respondents within a period of 08 weeks of the receipt of the same and if found entitled for the payment of interest, the same will be released to the petitioner within a period of next 04 weeks.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the above undertaking given by learned counsel for the respondents, the present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to the petitioner to approach the respondents for the grant of interest on the delayed release of pensionary benefits.

Ordered accordingly.

It is made clear that in case any representation is filed by the petitioner, the respondents will be bound by the undertaking, recorded hereinabove.

March 30, 2022
Vijay Asija

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No