

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

226/2

CWP-28798-2018

Date of decision : 18.04.2022.

Binder Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Padamkant Dwivedi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Jasleen Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Neha Jain, Advocate for respondent No.3.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is seeking a direction to release her retiral benefits including gratuity, leave encashment, CPF etc. along with interest.

Learned counsel for respondent No.3 states that the entire retiral dues have been released to the petitioner on 23.01.2019.

At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioner states that although the petitioner had retired on 30.04.2018 but the retiral benefits have been released to her on 23.01.2019 and therefore, the petitioner would be entitled to interest @ 9% p.a. He has relied upon the judgment of this Court in the case of **Jeewan Asha versus State of Punjab and others**, bearing CWP No.25296 of 2016, decided on 10.04.2019, wherein it has been held that a retiree is entitled to interest @ 9% p.a. on the delayed payment of retiral benefits from the date he retired till the same was released to him.

Consequently, the petition is allowed. The respondents shall pay interest @ 9% p.a. for the delayed payment of the retiral benefits to the petitioner within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

April 18, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No