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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-19562-1996 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.11.2023

HARSHARAN KAUR*Petitioner*

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER*Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA.

Present None for the petitioner.

Mr. R.K. Kapoor, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA, J (Oral)

1. This Writ Petition was filed by the petitioner for claiming reimbursement of the medical expenses incurred for the treatment and also for claiming the GPF missing credit amount and interest on leave encashment of ₹966/- w.e.f. 01.04.1991 as well as the interest on the delayed payment of GPF amount.

2. The respondents have filed the reply wherein it is stated that the medical bills which have been submitted by the petitioner have been processed and reimbursed to the petitioner during the pendency of the Writ Petition.

3. The petitioner has filed a rejoinder to the reply wherein it is stated that certain medical bills are yet to be reimbursed and details of the same is as under:-

i. 14.11.1996 to 13.01.1997	₹2089.20
ii. 13.10.1996 to 11.12.1996	₹234.90
iii. 14.01.1997 to 15.03.1997	₹2024.7
iv. 17.03.1997 to 12.06.1997	₹2462.60

4. In rebuttal, the respondents have filed counter to the rejoinder wherein it is stated that all the medical bills which have been found in the office have been sanctioned but the aforesaid bills for the period 14.11.1996 to 13.01.1997 & 13.10.1996 to 11.12.1996 are not traceable. As and when the petitioner submits duplicate bills thereof, the same shall also be reimbursed. Claim pertaining to other two bills supra had been already sanctioned and the amount shall be released. It is also stated that the petitioner is not entitled to any interest.

5. The leave encashment amount of ₹966/- has been paid but the interest has to be paid by the UT administration on account of which there was a delay. Further, it is replied that the sanction of ₹759/- would be revised on production of proof of non-receipt of payment. The missing credit for GPF is being searched and as soon as the amount is actually deposited, the same will be paid with interest.

6. Having noticed the aforesaid submissions, this Court finds that this case is pending since 1996. No one appears for the petitioner today. Since the respondents have filed their reply wherein they have admitted about the aforesaid amounts which are required to be paid and admittedly, the petitioner having retired on 31.03.1991, interest at the rate of 9% per annum is directed to be released up to the date of payments made by the respondent. The petitioner would be free to claim this amount.

7. In view of the aforesaid observations, this Writ Petition is **disposed of** accordingly.

8. All pending applications filed in this Writ Petition shall stand disposed of accordingly.

November 30, 2023
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[SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA]
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No.</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>