

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

CWP-3639-2023

Date of decision : 26.04.2023

Gurjit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present : Mr. B.S. Singhvi, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Aman Dhir, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Abhilaksh Gaind, Advocate and

Mr. Rakesh Roy, Advocate for respondents No.3 and 4.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Today, reply on behalf of respondents No.3 and 4 has been filed, which is taken on record. As per the same it has been claimed that the pending arrears of salary as claimed by the petitioner for the period from April 2009 to November, 2009 have been paid vide Cheque dated 24th of April, 2023 after having been put to notice by this Court.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that though the arrears have been released yet the petitioner would be entitled for interest on delayed payment of such arrears as the same was withheld without any reason by the respondents for 14 long years.

In the considered opinion of this Court once the respondents have admitted that the arrears of salary were payable to the petitioner and the same ought to have been paid way back in the year 2009 the fact that

the petitioner has been constrained to approach this Court to claim arrears of salary cannot be taken lightly.

Resultantly, the present writ petition is allowed. Respondents are directed to pay 10% interest on the arrears of salary to the petitioner within 2 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

April 26, 2023		(Pankaj Jain)
Dpr		Judge
Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No