

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

**COC-1026-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.01.2023**

Manmohan Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

Sarvjit Singh and ors.

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner alleges violation of the order dated 12.02.2021, vide which the respondents were directed to release gratuity, commutation of pension and full arrears of pension and if the respondents failed to comply with the said order, the petitioner will be held entitled for payment of interest @9% per annum from the date of his retirement till the payment is made.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of reply by way of affidavit of Chief Engineer (Headquarter and Dispute Resolution), Water Resources Department, Punjab, submits that pension and gratuity has been released to the State Bank of India, Sector-7, Chandigarh. It is further submitted that only dispute is with regard to payment of interest on account of delay, which is not

attributable to the petitioner. It is also submitted that the petitioner himself submitted the requisite form to the District Treasury on 07.05.2021 and when the amount was received by the State Bank of India, Sector-7, Chandigarh, the petitioner furnished Life Certificate to the Bank on 30.07.2021 and arrears of pension and DCRG were paid to him on 10.08.2021, therefore, on the face of it, there is no intentional delay on the part of the respondents.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to avail the alternative remedy, if so required.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No