

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

**CWP-14386-2020 (O&M)  
Date of decision : 27.02.2023**

**Prem Lata**

**..... Petitioner**

**versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**..... Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. Neeraj Goel, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sehajbir S. Aulakh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate  
for respondents No.2 to 4.

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**PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)**

Counsel for the petitioner would not dispute that the retiral benefits already stand released. The petitioner retired on 30.09.2019. The terminal benefits were released in March, 2020/November, 2020 and December, 2020.

2. This Court is conscious of the fact that whole of the world was under lockdown owing to Covid-19 from March, 2020 till December, 2020.

3. In view of the aforesaid fact, this Court does not find any justification to impose interest on such delayed payments which accrued during the time of Covid-19.

4. In the peculiar facts and circumstances, the present writ petition is dismissed.

**(PANKAJ JAIN)  
JUDGE**

**27.02.2023**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No