

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

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**CWP-3750 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 01.02.2023**

Parminder Sharma

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. H.C.Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S.Pandher, Sr. DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioner was re-employed as a member of the District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forum, Jalandhar, (hereinafter referred to as 'the Forum'). He was previously working as a District Food and Supplies Officer. After attaining the age of superannuation, he started practising as a lawyer. However, subsequently, as noticed above, the petitioner was employed as the member of the Forum. The dispute was with regard to the fixation of his honorarium as the member of the Forum. He was being paid Rs.18,000/- per month. However, he claims that he was entitled to the last pay drawn by him minus pension. During the pendency of the writ petition, the petitioner has already been paid the arrears after fixing his honorarium on the basis of last pay minus the pension.

The learned counsel representing the petitioner does not dispute that fact, however, submits that there has been considerable delay in release of the payment.

This court has considered the submission of the learned counsel representing the petitioner.

Initially the Government refused to protect his pay on the ground that the petitioner after having retired from the post of District Food and Supplies Officer had started his personal practice. The stand of the respondent refusing to protect the petitioner's pay was to say the least outrageous. However, during the pendency of the writ petition remedial steps have already been taken by the respondent.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondents to pay the interest @ 6% per annum from the date it was due till its realization.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

February 01, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No