

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-28481-2022
DECIDED ON: 22nd AUGUST, 2023

SANTOSH KUMAR MITTAL
.....PETITIONER
VERSUS
STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS
.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar Nehra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, DAG, Haryana.

Ms. Anjali, Advocate for
Mr. Harmanjot Singh Gill, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. The jurisdiction of this Court under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India has been invoked for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* to direct the respondents to grant interest on the delayed payment.
2. At the very outset learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that though the petitioner has been granted the pay scale of Rs.13500-17250 w.e.f 01.01.1996 but no interest has been granted to him on the delayed payment. He relies upon the judgment of this Court rendered in CWP-15887-2011, titled “Jagdish Chander Narang and others vs. State of Haryana and others”, decided on 11.03.2019, wherein, the similarly situated persons like the petitioner have been granted 8% interest.
3. Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.4 does not controvert the afore-said fact.

3. In view of *Jagdish Chander Narang's case (supra)*, this Court is of the firm view that the petitioner is also entitled for the grant of interest on the delayed payment @8% per annum from the date it became due till its actual realization, it is expected that the interest accrued to the petitioner on the delayed payment shall be released to him within a period of one month from today.

4. With the above observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of.

22nd AUGUST, 2023
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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