

2024:PHHC:148484



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-1532-2023

Date of decision: 13.11.2024

Ashok Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. Arihant Goyal, Sr. Panel Counsel,
for the respondents.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made in the present petition is for the grant of interest which accrued on account of delayed payment of GPF w.e.f. 01.04.2021 to 13.09.2021.

2. Resisting the aforesaid claim, the respondents filed written statement, to which there was no rebuttal, relevant para whereof reads thus:

“3. That the petitioner submitted a representation to the answering respondent and thereafter served legal notice dated 07.01.2023 (Annexure P-2) and sought the interest on delayed payment of General Provident Fund whereas the fact remains that neither any delay whatsoever has occurred in making the payment and nor any amount of General Provident Fund has been retained by the authorities. It is

humbly submitted that the notice for Voluntary Retirement was submitted by the petitioner in the month of February 2021 and in the same month the petitioner was allowed to retire Voluntarily w.e.f. 31.03.2021 and thereafter the payment of General Provident Fund was made to the petitioner on 10.9.2021 i.e. within a period of less than 6 months and that too during the period of COVID-19 and as such the present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner by misusing the process of law and as such the same deserves to be dismissed with exemplary costs.”

3. Since the explanation furnished by the respondents is justifiable, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

13.11.2024

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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