

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-3272-2024  
Date of decision: 06.03.2024

Abhinav Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

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Present:- Mr. Pankaj Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.**

1. The prayer in the present Civil Writ Petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is to issue a writ, direction or order in the nature of mandamus, for directing the respondents to release the salary of the petitioner alongwith interest.
2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is working as Food Safety Inspector since 30.04.2009. He was placed under suspension vide order dated 14.06.2023 and reinstated vide order dated 15.11.2023. Thereafter, he has been working, however, w.e.f. 01.06.2023, neither his subsistence allowance and nor his salary has been released. Now, his six months' salary has been released on 22.02.2024 but still three months salary has yet not been paid to him. He also submits that he is entitled to pay for the interest on the delayed payment of salary for which he will submit a representation which may be decided in a time bound manner.
3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the

respondent-State and on instructions, submits that the service book of the petitioner has been sent to the office at Ferozepur, where he is posted and within 20 days of receipt thereof, needful will be done by respondent No.4.

5. In view of the aforesaid and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the balance salary, within a period of one month and in case the petitioner submits a representation within a period of 4 weeks seeking interest, after receipt of the salary, the same may be decided within a further period of 2 months. However, in the eventuality of the relief being denied, a speaking order be passed, after associating him therewith.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)  
JUDGE

06.03.2024  
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| Whether reportable        | : | Yes / No |