

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-4874-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 01.03.2024

Santosh Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd and Others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. B.S. Bhatia, Advocate
for Mr. Mukesh Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest @ 12% per annum on delayed payment of salary and arrears of pay of Rs.37,50,623/-, for the period from 2015 to 2021 till the date of actual payment.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding representation/legal notice dated 11.12.2023 (Annexure P-4). He submits that at this stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said representation is decided by passing a speaking order within a time bound frame.
3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has raised no serious objection to the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present writ petition, respondent No.1 – Chairman-cum-Managing Director, PSPCL, Patiala, is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 11.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled, her claim be released within a period of 04 weeks thereafter. In case, the respondents are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner merits rejection the same be adjudicated upon by passing a speaking order after giving an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner within the time as stipulated hereinabove.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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