



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.106

CWP-13257-2024

Date of decision: 30.05.2024

Om Prakash @ Om Parkash

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Dhiraj Jindal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

1. On 31.10.2019, the petitioner retired from the post of Chief Booking Supervisor from the Northern Railways but his Death-cum Retirement Gratuity (DCRG) amounting to Rs.12,79,376/- was released on 05.08.2020. Therefore, the petitioner knocked the doors of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Chandigarh (for short – the Tribunal) seeking therein grant of interest on the delayed release of his DCRG. On being put to notice of the petitioner's Original Application, the respondents appeared before the Tribunal and sought to justify the delay in the release of the petitioner's DCRG by inter-alia stating that a charge-sheet dated 01.08.2019, for imposition of minor penalty, had issued to the petitioner through which the allegations had been made against him for having caused damage to about 3400 railway tickets. After considering, the petitioner's reply and the enquiry report, the petitioner was exonerated but since such exoneration was on 13.07.2020 his DCRG was immediately



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released thereafter on 05.08.2020.

2. After considering the rival submissions made before it by the contesting parties and after referring to the relevant rules, the Tribunal concluded that the respondents had unjustly delayed the release of DCRG to the petitioner. Resultantly, the respondents were directed to pay to the petitioner interest for the delayed release of DCRG at the then applicable GPF interest rates, which we are informed is 7.9% per annum. Through the instant petition, the petitioner seeks the grant of 12% interest on the delayed release of his DCRG.

3. After having heard learned counsel for the petitioner and with his able assistance going through the record, we are of the view that in the facts of the present case the grant of simple interest by the Tribunal to the petitioner @ 7.9% per annum, which was the interest payable on GPF in the relevant year i.e. 2019-2020, is reasonable warranting no interference by us.

4. Dismissed.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

May 30, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No