



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP-10803-2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 09.08.2024**

Vinod Kumar

.. Petitioner

Versus

Thapar University, Patiala and another

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Mayank Mathur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Mutneja, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Suverna Mutneja, Advocate and
Mr. Rajat Khanna, Advocate
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Rajesh Hooda, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

In the present petition the claim of the petitioner is for the grant of interest on the provident fund amount which was released to the petitioner after a delay. The claim for interest was based upon the CPF regulations of the respondent No.1, copy of which has been appended as Annexure P-1.

2. In the reply, the respondents have stated that the reliance which is being placed by the petitioner is upon an unamended rule, whereas the rule for the grant of interest has been amended now and as per the amended



rule the same is not to be done on the basis of the bank rate but as being given by the State of Punjab and the said interest has already been paid to the petitioner.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

4. Once, the entitled interest under the rules governing the service has already been paid to the petitioner, no grievance can be raised. The reliance being placed upon the grant of interest as per Annexure P-1, cannot be accepted as the said rule has already been amended subsequently and as per the amended rule, the claim of the petitioner for the grant of interest has been considered and the relief has also been extended to the petitioner. There is no challenge to the amendment at the hands of the petitioner, hence, the claim of the petitioner stands satisfied keeping in view the rules governing the grant of interest on the provident fund.

5. Dismissed.

6. All pending applications, if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

09.08.2024

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes