



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

LPA No.945 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 18.11.2024

Kuldeep Singh and others
.....Appellants.
Versus
State of Punjab and another
.....Respondents.

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL*
 HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Sumit Saddi, Advocate
 for appellants.

 Mr. Sartaj Singh Gill, Senior D.A.G, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.(Oral)

CM-2414-LPA-2024

1. Heard.
2. For the reasons mentioned in the application as well as arguments addressed, delay of 116 days in filing the appeal is condoned.
3. Application is, accordingly, disposed of.

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1. Prayer in this appeal is for setting aside order dated 22.02.2023 passed by learned Single Bench, whereby writ petition filed by present appellants (57 in number) was disposed of, while observing that though said writ petition is maintainable, however, keeping in view the fact that individual circumstances and details of each petitioner are different and not mentioned in the writ petition, petitioners are relegated to avail the alternate remedy.



2. Appellants filed **CWP No.29222 of 2022** seeking a direction to respondents to release interest @ 18% per annum on alleged delayed payments of arrears of salary/retiral benefits. It is stated that earlier, appellants had been constrained to file various writ petitions as detailed in para 3 of writ petition seeking release of certain pay scales. There was delay in the release of retiral benefits and arrears due to them, giving rise to their claim to interest thereon.

3. Perusal of the writ petition as well as present appeal reveals that specific and material details of appellants necessary for adjudication of the matter are conspicuous by their absence in the writ petition. In the given circumstances, we do not find any ground to interfere in the impugned order dated 22.02.2023. Appellants are at liberty to file comprehensive representation before the authorities giving complete, material details including relevant specific dates to make out a case indicating delay in payment of arrears of salary/retiral benefits to them. In case such representation is submitted within four weeks from today, the same be considered by the competent authority in accordance with law by passing a speaking order.

4. Appeal is, accordingly, disposed of.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

November 18, 2024
Yag Dutt

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No