



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-24267-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision:25.09.2024

RANI DEVI

....Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present : Mr. R.S. Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Bhatia, Sr. Standing counsel
for Union of India.

Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Fatehjeet Singh, Advocate
for applicant-respondent No.4.

ALOK JAIN. J.(Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of writ, order or directions especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondents to release retiral benefits i.e. Gratuity, GPF, GIS amount, leave encashment, family pension, ex-gratia amount, amount of Railway Kalyan Nidhi (RSKN), Railway Pass and Medical Card etc.

2. During the pendency of the present petition, the entire dues of the petitioner have already been released on 13.07.2023. The said fact is not denied by learned counsel for the petitioner, however, he submits that there is an inordinate delay of almost 05 years in releasing the dues and therefore, the petitioner is

entitled for the interest on the said amount.

3. In the light of the above, the relief claimed by the petitioner with regard to the release of retiral benefits etc. stands duly satisfied, however, the petitioner is at liberty to move a representation before the authorities concerned and if found entitled, interest be granted on the dues which had been delayed, in accordance with law.
4. At this stage, learned counsel for the respondent clarified that the retiral benefits were delayed on account of a dispute between the petitioner (being the second wife of the deceased) and the children of the first wife of the deceased, therefore, the delay cannot be solely attributed to the authorities concerned.
5. The present petition is disposed of with the liberty aforesaid.
6. All pending application(s), if any, stand **disposed** of accordingly.

25.09.2024
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(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No