



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

**CWP-241-2024**

Date of Decision : **07.11.2025**

**KARAMJIT SINGH**

.....Petitioner

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present : Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

**KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)**

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of a *mandamus* upon the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 18% p.a. on the delayed payment of retiral benefit as the GPF amount, was paid to the petitioner on 16.05.2023, and the gratuity amount and the arrears of pension for the period of 01.11.2022 to 31.08.2023, has been paid after a considerable delay, i.e. on 01.09.2023, whereas he retired from service on 31.10.2022.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in order to lend vigor to his argument to the effect that for the aforesaid delay, the petitioner is entitled for the interest, placed reliance upon two judgements rendered by this Court; i. **A.S.Randhawa vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468**; ii. **J.S.Cheema vs. State of Haryana and others, 2014 (1) SCT 782.**

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that it is not a case where the petitioner retired after attaining the age of superannuation, rather, it is a case of voluntary retirement.

4. He further submits that the petitioner suddenly applied for premature retirement w.e.f. 31.10.2022, in the month of July, 2022, and his application was duly approved on 28.10.2022. Hence, he prematurely retired on 31.10.2022, and immediately thereafter, his pension case forwarded to the office of Accountant General, Punjab (respondent no.5) for sanction and necessary approval vide letter bearing No.5036, dated 21.11.2022. Thereupon, the pension case of the petitioner was sanctioned by respondent no.5 vide letter No.PEN-09/Intimation/22-23/PE/23/10/80559516, dated 25.04.2023, having PPO No.1123039043. Hence, there is no delay on the part of respondents-department, in sending the pension case of petitioner, as it was sent within a period of 20 days from the date of approval for premature retirement.

5. He further submits that the details of payments under various heads is mentioned in paragraph no.5 of the reply, which is extracted hereinafter:-

“5. That after the retirement of the petitioner and after receiving the amount/fund from higher authorities, the payment of accrued benefits and dues of the petitioner was made to him immediately without any delay on the part of answering respondents as per the details given below:-

The bill regarding the leave encashment was sent to Treasury Office vide Bill no. 221306061110239/09.12.2022 and payment of Rs.7,18,240/-was made vide Treasury Voucher no. 370/16.12.2022. Similarly the bill regarding the GIS was sent to Treasury Office vide Bill no. 221306061110249/27.12.2022 Rs.13,382/-was and

payment of made vide Treasury Voucher no.47/30.12.2022 and the bill regarding the G.P.F. was sent to Treasury Office vide Bill 231306061110025/26.04.2023 and payment no. of Rs.17,21,272/- was made vide Treasury Voucher no.20/16.05.2023 as full and final payment.

Hence there is no delay on the part of answering respondents regarding making of the payment of pensionary benefits to the petitioner.”

6. This Court has considered the rival submissions, as made by learned counsel for the parties, and has perused the entire case file, and is of the considered view that there cannot be any possible dispute with regard to the ratio laid down by the full bench of this Court in **A.S.Randhawa's** case, and also in the judgment of **J.S.Cheema's** case (*supra*). However, the same are not applicable to the present case, for the reason that there is no dereliction or any delay on the part of the respondents-department, rather, the facts as mentioned above clearly reflect that a prompt action has been taken, so that the petitioner can get all the pensionary benefits, most expeditiously.

7. In view of the above, the asked for relief cannot be granted to the present petitioner. Consequently, the instant petition, is hereby, **dismissed.**

**November 07, 2025**  
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**(KULDEEP TIWARI)**  
**JUDGE**

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