



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

**COCN No. 583 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 24.02.2025**

Krishan Kumar Gupta and another
..... Petitioners

Versus

Nilkanth Avhad, IAS, Principal Secretary to
Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Water Supply & Sanitation,
Chandigarh
..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. D.S. Rawat, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

Upon advance notice, Mr. Siddharath Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, appears on behalf of the respondent and on instructions from Mr. Jaskaran Singh, Executive Engineer, Deptt. of Water Supply and Sanitation, Jalandhar Division No. 1, submits that the terminal benefits payable to the petitioners shall be released within two weeks from today.

[2] A perusal of the record shows that interim directions for not making any kind of deduction from the service benefits of the petitioners were passed by the Writ Court on 23.02.2022 i.e. almost three years back, yet besides paying provisional pension to the petitioners, their benefits like gratuity, commutation of pension, leave encashment etc. have not been released. In such circumstances, as prayed for by the learned counsel for respondent, he is granted two weeks time' for release of those benefits;

however, in case the aforesaid undertaking extended on behalf of the respondent, is not adhered to strictly, the salary of respondent shall remain attached till such compliance.

- [3]

Disposed off accordingly.
- [4]

Rule stands discharged.
- [5]

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

February 24, 2025

(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>