



241 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-6777-2022

Date of decision: 19.11.2025

Sewa Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Amrindra Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gursimran Singh Bawa, Advocate
for respondent No.4-PSPCL.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing the order dated 16.03.2022 (Annexure P-16) whereby, the respondent authorities have denied sanction of interest upon the delayed retiral benefit of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner retired on 31.10.2019 and at the time of the retirement, there was no pending disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner. However, his retiral benefits have been withheld. He approached this Court by filing CWP No.3882 of 2020 which was disposed of and a direction was issued to pass a speaking order on legal notice dated 12.12.2019. In purported compliance, the retiral benefits of the petitioner were released. However, no interest was paid on account of delay in releasing the retiral dues, as such, the petitioner is entitled to interest in terms of the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) vs. State of Punjab 1998 (1) SCT 343.***

3. Learned counsel for the respondent-Corporation could not controvert the fact that the petitioner retired on 31.10.2019 and the retiral dues were released only after the petitioner has approached this Court by way of filing of CWP No.3882 of 2020.

4. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the record, it transpires that the petitioner retired on 31.10.2019 and his retiral dues were released on different dates. The detail of the same is reproduced as under:-

Sr. No.	Pensionary Benefits	Amount (Rs.)	Date of Release of Payment	Remarks
1.	Leave Encashment	3,21,430/-	13.08.2020	
2.	Leave Encashment (Arrear)	1,53,130/-	22.09.2020	Due to Difference in pay.
3.	Gratuity	8,30,456/-	22.09.2020	
4.	Pension Commutation	2,92,821/-	22.09.2020	
5.	G.P.F. (90%)	10,46,000/-	07.02.2019	
6.	G.P.F. Final Payment	2,24,031/-	29.09.2020	
7.	Pension	2,48,805/-	01.10.2020	The payment of Pension Arrear from 01.11.2019 to 31.08.2020

5. In view of the discussion above, the present petition is allowed and order dated 16.03.2022 (Annexure P-16) is hereby set aside with a direction to the respondents to pay interest @ 6% per annum, to be calculated from two months after the retirement till its actual realization and release the same within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order in terms of the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) (supra)**.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)

JUDGE

19.11.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No