



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

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CWP-10975-2025

Date of Decision: 19.05.2025

HARPAL SINGH

.... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Laxman Choudhary, Advocate
for the petitioner.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to pay the interest at the rate of eighteen per cent per annum on delayed payment of pay protection in view of the full bench judgment titled *A. S. Randhawa v. State of Punjab*, 1997(3) SCT 468.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the law in this regard stands settled by the Supreme Court in *The State of Andhra Pradesh and another v. Smt. Dinavahi Lakshmi Kameswari*, 2021 (11) SCC 543. Still, the petitioner's claim has not been considered, nor has his legal notice, dated 19.02.2025, Annexure P-17, been decided so far.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Tanushree Gupta, Deputy Advocate General, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State and submits that the pending legal notice, dated 19.02.2025, will be decided by the first respondent/Additional Chief Secretary, School Education Department, by passing a speaking order thereupon within a period of three months, keeping in view the law laid down in *Dinavahi Lakshmi Kameswari* case (*supra*).



5. In view of the statement made, learned counsel for the petitioner has no objection to the petition being disposed of in terms thereof.
6. Ordered accordingly.
7. In case the order is not passed within the stipulated period, the officer concerned shall pay costs of ₹50,000 to the petitioners.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

19.05.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No