



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

CWP-18447-2025

Date of Decision: 07.07.2025

Minakshi

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and Others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Sarvesh Malik, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Prince Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 4.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondent to pay interest @ 12 per cent *per annum* on delayed payment of service benefits of her husband.

2. The petitioner is widow of Baljeet Singh son of Sat Narayan who was working with respondent as Assistant Lineman. He passed away on 31.12.2013 in harness. On account of family dispute between the petitioner and her mother-in-law, matter reached to Civil Court and thereafter Appellate Court. On account of pendency of suit and thereafter appeal before Appellate Court, the respondent did not release retiral benefits of petitioner's husband. She preferred **CWP-1483-2025** before

this Court which was disposed of vide order dated 20.01.2025. The respondent, pursuant to aforesaid order, has released service benefits of petitioner's husband to the tune of Rs.42,41,887/-. The petitioner is claiming interest on delayed payment of service benefits.

3. Mr. Prince Singh, Advocate, who on advance notice is present in Court, submits that delay in payment occurred on account of pendency of civil suit between petitioner and her mother-in-law and thereafter appeal filed by petitioner's mother-in-law where there was a stay by Appellate Court.

4. On being confronted with aforesaid fact, Mr. Sarvesh Malik, Advocate submits that the petitioner may be granted interest from the date of dismissal of appeal by Appellate Court.

5. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands *disposed of* with a direction to respondent to pay interest to petitioner @7.5% from 21.05.2024 to date of payment of aforesaid amount.

6. Let the needful be done within one month from today. The petitioner shall furnish indemnity bond *qua* interest amount like principal amount.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

07.07.2025
Prince Chawla

Whether Speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No