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4. Learned State counsel as well as counsel for respondent No.4 are not in a position to controvert the fact that the gratuity of the petitioner was released much later than the due date.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the record, it transpires that the petitioner retired on 31.01.2007 and he was paid gratuity in terms of the Gratuity Act, 1972. Thereafter, it was found that the petitioner is entitled to gratuity in terms of the Punjab Civil Services Rules. The petitioner was paid the gratuity of Rs.3.50 lakh in terms of the Gratuity Act, 1972, however, the balance gratuity of Rs.6,50,000/- was paid only on 27.04.2024, 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.)'s case (supra)* and judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in in '*S.K. Dua vs. State of Haryana*' (2008) 3 SCC 44.

6. In view of the discussion above, the present petition is disposed of 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 four 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.)'s case (supra)* and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *S.K. Dua vs. State of Haryana's case (supra)*.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

19.11.2025

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