



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(114)

CWP-23302-2025

Date of decision:- 04.11.2025

ASHOK KUMAR AND SON

... Petitioner

Versus

DEPARTMENT OF POST THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR GENERAL
POSTAL SERVICE AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Ankur Dua, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikram Bajaj, Advocate
Sr. Panel Counsel for the respondents.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant writ petition has been filed inter alia for issuance of a writ of mandamus to the respondents to decide the representation/legal notice dated 26.07.2025, Annexure P-3, and to release amount of Rs.34,89,028/- due to the petitioner as on 31.03.2025 along with future interest.

2. Pursuant to the previous order passed by this Court, counsel for the respondents has produced a copy of speaking order bearing No.RDHO/PPF(HUF)/2025-26 dated 30.10.2025, which is taken on record.

The relevant extract of the order is reproduced herein:-

“In view of the above, the Post Office in ready to release the admissible amount of Rs.20,38,146/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty-Six only), comprising:

- Rs.15,55,146/- Maturity amount as on 31.03.2017, and*
- Rs.4,83,000/- Amount deposited by the depositor after 31.03.2017.*



Accordingly, Sh. Ashok Kumar is hereby requested to collect the admissible payment of Rs.20,38,146/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Forty-Six only) from the Rohtak Head Post Office, after completing the prescribed codal formalities.

Further, the grievance pertaining to the payment of interest beyond the maturity period, i.e., after 31.03.2017, as raised by Sh. Ashok Kumar in his legal notice as well as in CWP No. 23302 of 2025 (as per Delhi High Court Judgment), is a policy matter and involving releasing of public funds/money because orders in the said in the said case of Delhi Court in W.P. (C) No.27 of 2019 was complied with only as per its peculiar facts and circumstances due to non-challenging it further as per statutory provisions and involving of releasing of Public Money.

Accordingly, the cause is being referred to the Higher Authorities/Postal Directorate for obtaining necessary guidance regarding the admissibility of interest payment beyond the maturity period (i.e. post 31.03.2017), as per the observations made by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in the Balkrishan Malhotra case (Order dated 16.07.2019 W.P. (C) No. 27 of 2019)

In compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, dated 12.08.2025 in CWP No. 23302 of 2025, the contentions raised in the legal notice as well as in the aforesaid CWP by Sh. Ashok Kumar and Sons (HUF) through its Karta, Sh. Ashok Kumar Mittal, have been disposed of accordingly and further action is required to be taken at the level of the Higher Authorities/Postal Directorate for issuing necessary guidance regarding the admissibility of interest payment beyond the maturity period i.e., post 31.03.2017.”

3. As is evident from the above reproduced speaking order, matter has been referred to the higher authorities/Postal Directorate for obtaining necessary guidance regarding the admissibility of interest payment beyond the maturity period i.e. 31.03.2017.

4. A cheque for an amount of Rs.20,38,146/- drawn in the name of Sh. Ashok Kumar & Sons on State Bank of India, Rohtak dated 03.11.2025, a xerox copy of which is taken on record, has been handed over to the counsel



for the petitioner.

- 5. Let the respondents take a final decision within a period of three months from the date of communication of the copy of this order.
- 6. With the above direction, writ petition is disposed of.
- 7. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to assail the order passed by the respondent authorities in case, petitioner is still aggrieved.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

04.11.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No