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

CWP-23437-2025

Date of decision: 13.08.2025

Sheetal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR****Present:** Ms. Veena Kumari, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

The present civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondent No.3 to take appropriate action on the representation dated 13.03.2025 (Annexure P-6) and to grant the interest on the delayed retiral benefits from the date of accrual of the same till actual payment was made @ 18% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this is second round of litigation as respondent No.3, while releasing the retiral dues, has not paid any interest on account of delay. The case of the petitioner is squarely covered by the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in '**A.J. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) vs. State of Punjab**' 1998 (1) SCT 343 and the judgment rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in '**S.K. Dua vs. State of Haryana**' (2008) 3 SCC 44. As per the litigation policy of Punjab, the claim of the petitioner ought to have been satisfied by respondent No.3 and the petitioner had to approach this Court once again, as such, the petitioner is not only entitled to the interest but also to the cost.



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The learned State counsel at the very outset submits that all retiral dues have been paid to the petitioner except the interest.

In view of the controversy involved in the present case, the present writ petition is disposed of and respondent No.3 is directed to pay interest @ 7.5% per annum on account of delay in releasing the retiral dues in view of the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in *A.J. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) (supra)* and the judgment rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *S.K. Dua (supra)*, from the date of entitlement of the retiree till the date of actual payment, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)  
JUDGE

13.08.2025

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| Whether reportable        | : | Yes/No |