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

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Date of Decision: 25.08.2025

RUCHI VASHISHT AND ANR

...Petitioners

Vs.

PANJAB UNIVERSITY AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Nitin Jain, Advocate and
Ms. Vanshika Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate for the respondent

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. On 13.08.2025, following order was passed by this Court:-

“The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking direction to respondent to release gratuity and leave encashment and pay interest on delayed release of provident fund.

The petitioner No.1 (in short ‘petitioner’) is widow of late Dr. Rahul Sharma who passed away on 06.12.2015 while in service. The petitioner is presently serving as Associate Professor in PGIMER Chandigarh. Her husband joined Panjab University in May’ 2007 and he was appointed as Reader in July’ 2010. After the demise of her husband, the petitioner claimed terminal dues of her husband. The respondent released a sum of Rs.11,87,384/- towards provident fund. The said amount was released on 08.03.2022 which was without interest. The petitioner is



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further claiming release of gratuity, leave encashment and interest on provident fund.

Mr. Ankur Sharma, Advocate who on advance notice is present in Court, filed his Vakalatnama on behalf of Panjab University. The same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place. He seeks time to clarify actual position with respect to payment of retiral/terminal dues.

Adjourned to 25.08.2025”

2. Learned counsel for the respondent submits that the claim of the petitioners is under consideration and needful shall be done within two months from today.
3. In the wake of statement made by learned counsel for the respondent, the instant petition stands disposed of.
4. The petitioners would be at liberty to assail decision of respondent in accordance with law.
5. Pending application(s), if any also stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

25.08.2025*Deepak DPA*

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