



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-32670-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 25.02.2025

Chander Patti

...Petitioner

VERSUS

Union of India and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Abhimanyu Antil, Advocate for
Mr. Mukesh Yadav, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ashish Chaudhary, Sr. Panel Counsel,
for the respondent-UOI.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the family pension to the petitioner that has been wrongly withheld.

Even though the payment in dispute has been released to the petitioner, however, the same has been released after much delay. Vide order dated 14.10.2022, this Court had specifically put to the respondent as to why the relief of interest on delayed disbursement of the family pension is not granted to the petitioner taking into consideration a Full Bench judgment of this Court in the matter '**A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others**', reported as **1997 (3) SCT 468 (F.B.)**.

Learned counsel for the respondent-UOI has not been able to dispute the applicability of the aforesaid judgment.



Accordingly, since the payment of the family pension is not disputed and the dispute is surviving solely with respect to entitlement of the petitioner, if any, to the award of interest, I deem it appropriate, at this juncture, to **dispose of** the instant writ petition with a further direction to the respondents to pay the interest @6% per annum on the delayed release of the family pension to the petitioner with effect from the date of filing of the instant writ petition.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

25.02.2025
Mangal Singh

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