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

**CWP-25804-2025 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: 08.09.2025**

MUNSHI RAM**.....PETITIONER(S)****VERSUS****STATS OF HARYANA AND OTHERS****.....RESPONDENT(S)****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL**

Present: Mr. R.K.Malik, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Kartikey Chaudhary, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

This writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Mandamus*, directing the respondents to grant the benefit of annual increments for the period 2018 to 2024, and further to release the petitioner's pension and other retiral benefits after revising his pay scale up to the date of retirement, i.e., 30.04.2024, along with interest at the prevailing market rate.

Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner retired from service on 30.04.2024 upon attaining the age of superannuation, having last served as a Sub Inspector. It is further submitted that the petitioner was promoted to the post of Sub Inspector in June 2021, and since

2018, he had been drawing a stagnant basic pay of Rs. 29,300/-, without being granted any annual increments. Despite his entitlement, no increment was accorded from 2018 onward. This denial came to light upon obtaining information through the Right to Information Act, wherein the relevant data was furnished to the petitioner on 09.07.2025.

Pursuant to advance notice of this writ petition, learned State Counsel has appeared and produced a copy of communication dated 05.09.2025 bearing Memo No. 5395, issued by the General Manager, Haryana Roadways, Chandigarh, which includes a revised calculation sheet of the petitioner's pension and gratuity. As per this revised calculation, the petitioner became entitled to the grant of increment as of 27.09.2018, having completed the requisite qualifying service.

It is submitted that the said revised case has already been forwarded to the Accountant General, Haryana, for processing the release of payment due to the petitioner. The petitioner, through counsel, has expressed satisfaction insofar as the revised computation and forwarding of the case is concerned.

However, it remains an undisputed fact that the petitioner was eligible for the said increment as early as 27.09.2018, and the same was wrongfully withheld without any justifiable reason.

Given the admitted delay and the revised calculation now prepared and submitted, the petitioner is clearly entitled to interest on the delayed payment of retiral benefits, including pension and gratuity, in accordance with applicable laws.

Learned State Counsel, on instructions received from Sandeep Kumar, representative of the concerned Superintendent's Office, has submitted that an appropriate decision regarding the payment of interest will be taken by the authorities.

Accordingly, in view of the above facts and circumstances, it is hereby directed that the interest payable on the delayed disbursement of the petitioner’s retiral benefits shall be released to him within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, strictly in accordance with law.

Compliance of this direction shall be ensured without any further delay, failing which the petitioner shall be at liberty to approach this Court again for appropriate relief.

Petition stands disposed of in the above said terms.

08.09.2025

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

Yes/No