IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.20822 of 2026

Decided on: 23rd November, 2026

Bhupinder Singh Kanwar **.....Petitioner**

Versus

H.P. Tourism Development Corporation Limited and another **.....Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the Petitioner: Ms. Saloni Nee Susham Lata, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Shivank S. Panta, Advocate.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Mr. Shivank S. Panta, learned Standing Counsel, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents.

2. This writ petition has been filed for the grant of following substantive reliefs:-

> *"i. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, more particularly a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the outstanding amount of gratuity (DCRG) amounting to Rs.13,43,447/- in favour of the petitioner, along with interest @ 9% per annum from the date the amount became due, i.e. 01.02.2026, or such other date as may be determined by this Hon'ble Court, till its actual realization.*

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[1] **Whether reporters of print and electronic media may be allowed to see the order? Yes**

ii. *Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the respondents to release the sanctioned leave encashment amount of Rs.7,14,850/- in favour of the petitioner along with interest @ 9% per annum from the due date till actual payment.*

iii. *Direct the respondents to release the outstanding arrears of 15% Dearness Allowance and all other admissible service and retiral dues payable to the petitioner, in accordance with law.*

iv. *Direct the respondents to pay interest on all delayed retiral benefits at the rate of 9% per annum, or at such rate as this Hon'ble Court may deem just and appropriate."*

3. The petitioner was in service of the respondent-Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. and retired as Captain on 31.01.2026 from HPTDC Hotel Apple Blossom, Fagu after rendering about 38 years of regular service. It is the case of the petitioner that the amount of gratuity of Rs.14,43,447/- and leave encashment of Rs.7,14,850/- have been sanctioned by the respondents, vide office orders dated 06.06.2026 (Annexures P-4 and P-3 Colly. respectively). The grievance of the petitioner is that despite the aforesaid gratuity and leave encashment being sanctioned, the same have not been released. It is, however, submitted that an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- has been disbursed to the petitioner by the respondents on account of retiral benefits, i.e. gratuity.

4. In the facts and circumstances of the case, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondents to

release the admissible retiral benefits alongwith statutory interest to the petitioner within a period of six months from today, in accordance with law. If the amount due is not paid within the aforesaid period, the same shall carry interest at the rate of 9% per annum from the due date till the actual date of payment.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms, so also the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

November 23, 2026
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