



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

CWP-2236-2022

Date of Decision : **12.02.2026**

RAJ KUMAR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Arvind Kashyap, Advocate for
Ms. Bhumika Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of a direction upon the respondents to pay interest on the delayed payment for the period of 01.11.2017 to 11.04.2019 against the amount of General Provident Fund (GPF) due, alongwith interest thereon.

2. It reveals from a perusal of the instant petition that the petitioner retired as Junior Engineer, upon attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2017. On his retirement he was released his retiral dues, but the amount of Rs.12,94,103/-, from the account of GPF was not released within the stipulated time period. It was after one year and more than five months, the amount was released on 11.04.2019.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner while placing reliance upon “**A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others**”, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468, and “**J.S. Cheema Vs. State of Haryana**”, 2014(13) RCR (Civil) 355.

4. He submits that the petitioner is entitled for interest atleast at the rate of 6% p.a. for the delayed payment.

5. Learned State counsel tried to justify the delay and submits it was only due to some departmental procedure, and there is no *mala fide* intention on the part of the department concerned.

6. A perusal of the reply reflects that, there were *inter se*, departmental communications for releasing the due amount, however, the said amount was finally released on 11.04.2019, after a considerable delay.

7. In view of the above, and after considering the judgments (*supra*), which have already been relied upon by this Court in “**Gurdial Singh vs. State of Punjab**” (CWP-22961-2022), it is considered view of this Court that admittedly there is a delay in making payment of dues against the amount of GPF, therefore, the petitioner is entitled for interest at the rate of 6% on the delayed payment. Accordingly, the department concerned, is directed to calculate the interest from 01.11.2017 till 11.04.2019 and thereupon, shall make the payment thereof forthwith, to the petitioner.

8. It is made clear that the above exercise shall be carried out

within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

9. **Disposed of** accordingly.
10. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of the connected case.

February 12, 2026
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned. :

Whether Reportable. :

Yes/No

Yes/No