



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

**Sr. No.118****CWP-2017-2026****Date of Decision: 23.03.2026**

Rajender Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA**

Present: Dr. S.K. Bhar, Advocate, and  
Mr. Johan Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

**TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)**

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the payment of medical expenses incurred on the petitioner's treatment, amounting to ₹7,99,711, along with interest.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner was admitted at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi, from 22 May to 15 June 2023 for treatment of Pneumocystis Carini Pneumonia. He submitted medical bills for reimbursement of the expenses incurred on the treatment to the Department on 16.11.2023 in the prescribed proforma, Annexure P-3. It was duly verified and forwarded to the Block Education Officer, Mundlana. But the amount was not released despite several reminders, forcing him to approach this Court. This has caused him undue harassment and humiliation.

3. Learned State counsel, however, contends that admissible claim of medical reimbursement, i.e., ₹5,30,196 has already been released to the petitioner, as is apparent from the instructions received vide memo dated 02.03.2026, Annexure 'B'. He had submitted medical bills amounting



claim. The amount of ₹1,02,280 charged towards Doctor's visit (consultation charges) had also to be excluded therefrom. Accordingly, the total medical reimbursement claim of ₹6,97,431 was processed as per the applicable Reimbursement Policy, dated 06.05.2005, Annexure P-7. In terms of condition 12 of the policy instructions dated 17.04.2020, Annexure R-3, the petitioner was entitled to the reimbursement of expenses at the PGIMER, Chandigarh, rates plus seventy-five per cent of the remaining amount as the non-package treatment was taken from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital. This comes to ₹5,30,196, and the same has been credited to his account on 27.02.2026, Annexure R-1. She further contends that the petitioner is not entitled to any interest as delayed release of the amount is due to the time consumed in sanctioning the claim, and is not intentional. It has been explained in the instructions aforementioned, which read as under:

7. That it is specifically submitted that the delay in sanctioning the medical reimbursement was neither intentional nor deliberate but occurred due to procedural requirements and repeated objections during scrutiny. That petitioner initially submitted the medical bills in the office of Govt. Sr. Sec. School Mundlana on dated 16.11.2023. Thereafter, the medical bills were forwarded to the office of respondent No.4 and on dated 23.11.2023 respondent No.4 i.e. Block Education Officer Mundlana received the medical bill of the petitioner i.e. Sr. Rajinder Singh, Retd. S.S. Master, amounting of Rs.7,99,711/- for self-treatment at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for the period 22.05.2023 to 15.06.2023. Thereafter, the office of respondent No.4 forwarded the medical bills to the office of respondent No.3 i.e. District Elementary Education Officer on dated 29.11.2023. Upon examination, it was found that the work out calculation was not in accordance with Health Department instructions and the bills were returned to respondent No. 4 i.e. Block Education Officer Mundlana on 05.02.2024 for removal of objections. After removal of objections, the bills were again sent on 14.05.2024 to respondent No.3 i.e. District Elementary Education Officer



Sonipat, but discrepancies still remained and the case was returned again to respondent No.4 i.e. BEO Mundlana on 03.09.2024.

4. In view of the facts aforementioned, it is apparent that due amount of medical reimbursement has already been released to the petitioner. Undisputedly, he has taken non-package treatment from Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, and in terms of condition 12 of the instructions dated 17.04.2020, he is entitled to reimbursement at PGIMER rates plus seventy-five per cent of the balance amount, which has already been credited to his account. However, there is no denying the fact that the amount has been released after an inordinate delay of more than two years. The explanation put forth by the respondents regarding the delay does not justify their act of not releasing the admissible reimbursement amount within time. It is only on account of procedural delays in the Department that the matter kept shuffling from one office to another till it was appropriately processed and cleared. Accordingly, the entire fault lies with the Department, for which the petitioner cannot be blamed. He was prevented from availing the due benefit for no fault of his. This financial deprivation caused him immense pain and agony, apart from the trouble of filing this petition. All this entitles him to payment of interest for the delay.

5. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of nine per cent per annum on the reimbursed amount from one month after filing of the claim, i.e., 16.12.2023, till the date of actual payment.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)  
JUDGE

23.03.2026  
Maninder

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