



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

CWP-11832-2000

Date of Decision : **13.01.2026**

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, AMRITSAR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

P.O., LABOUR COURT, AMRITSAR AND ANR.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Sandeep Khunger, Advocate with
Mr. Saksham Khunger, Ms. Srishti and Ms. Sudrishti,
Advocates,
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.B. Bhandari, Advocate,
for respondent no.2.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant petition file under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a challenge is thrown to the Award dated 09.05.2000 (Annexure P-8), where through, a reference was answered in favour of respondent no.2-workman, by respondent no.2 exercising its powers under Section 33-C(2) of the the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

2. On 17.11.2025, after hearing the parties at length, this Court had passed the hereinafter extracted order:-

“1. Learned counsel for the petitioner has advanced arguments at length.

2. A perusal of the impugned order dated 09.05.2000 reveals that the petitioner was directed to pay a sum of ₹ 1,44,759/- to the respondent No.2 within three months, failing which it shall pay interest thereon @ 12% p.a. till realization of the entire amount.

3. This Court is of the view that, without entering into the

merits of the controversy, the dispute may be amicably resolved, while keeping all legal issues open for adjudication in appropriate proceedings, if the petitioner is willing to pay, and respondent No. 2 is willing to accept, the principal amount awarded. Learned counsel for the parties seek some time to have apt instructions in this regard.

4. List on 28.11.2025 in the urgent list.

5. It is made clear that, on the subsequent date of hearing, no request for adjournment would be entertained on behalf of either side, except for strong and compelling reasons.”

3. Thereupon, both learned counsel for the parties expressed their willingness to settle the dispute amicably. Even respondent no.2, has filed his affidavit dated 22.11.2025, stating therein that he is ready to accept the principal amount of Rs.1,44,759/- to settle the dispute once for all, and to waive off his right to the interest upon the said principal amount.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner, today, has filed a copy of an e-mail, as received by him from the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, and submits that Municipal Commissioner, has consented that the Municipal Corporation is ready to pay the principal amount of Rs.1,44,759/-, as awarded vide impugned order dated 09.05.2000 to respondent no.2-workman, without any interest thereupon, while reserving its right to recover the said amount from PSPCL. The photocopy of the aforesaid e-mail is taken on record as Mark 'A'

5. In view of the above consensus, the impugned Award is modified to the extent that the petitioner-Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, shall pay the principal amount of Rs.1,44,759/-, to respondent no.2-workman by depositing the same within a period of four weeks from the date of passing of this order in his bank account, as mentioned in his aforesaid affidavit, i.e. A/C 05871000070481, with the Punjab and Sindh

Bank, Branch TundaTalab, Amritsar.

6. In case the the aforesaid principal amount is not deposited within a period of four weeks from the date of passing of this order, respondent no.2-workman, shall be entitled to interest at the rate of 9% per annum from 09.02.2026 till date actual realization of the aforesaid amount.
7. The petitioner-Municipal Corporation, is at liberty to raise its claim from the PSPCL, if they are legally entitled to, specifically in view of the notification dated 30.05.1995.

January 13, 2026
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No