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

CWP-10344-2026

Date of decision: 07.04.2026

Roshan Lal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. Bhupesh Dogra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present civil 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 pay interest @ 12% per annum to the petitioner on account of delayed release of the retiral benefits to the petitioner for the period from 01.10.2021 to 16.02.2026 as the petitioner got superannuated on 30.09.2021 and retiral benefits were released on 16.02.2026 and also to provisionally calculate and deposit the interest amount during pendency of the present petition.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the petitioner joined as a Clerk on 05.09.1986 and retired as Superintendent Grade-1 on 30.09.2021 as discernible from Annexure P-1. On the eve of his retirement, there was no pending departmental or disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner. The petitioner submitted representations followed by a legal notice on 19.04.2022. The petitioner filed CWP No.21679 of 2022 titled as ***Roshan Lal Vs. State of Punjab and others*** which was disposed of vide

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order dated 10.09.2025 (Annexure P-5) on the basis of the statement made by the learned State counsel. However, the retiral dues have been paid to the petitioner on 16.02.2026 but no interest on account of delay is paid in terms of the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) vs. State of Punjab 1998 (1) SCT 343.***

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel is not in a position to controvert the fact that the petitioner retired on 30.09.2021, whereas, his retiral dues were released on 16.02.2026.

4. In view of the above, the present civil writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to calculate the interest @ 6% per annum (to be calculated two months after the retirement of the petitioner till actual realization thereof). The interest shall be paid to the petitioner within three months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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