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

CWP-14187-2026

Date of decision: 07.05.2026

Rohtash

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Mr. Amit Shukla, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sarbuland Singh Mann, Advocate
for respondent No.4.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the interest @ 18% per annum on the delayed payment of retiral benefits of the petitioner from the date of her retirement i.e. 30.09.2020 till the date of actual payment along with any remaining principal amount in compliance with the order dated 20.04.2024 (Annexure P-1) passed by this Court.

2. At the outset, learned counsel appearing for respondent No.4 submits that the entire retiral dues of the petitioner have already been released and that interest on account of delayed payment (calculated from two months after the date of retirement), shall also be released @ 6% per annum, within a period of four weeks.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, presses for grant of interest @ 18% per annum. This Court is unable to accede to the said prayer, as ordinarily the rate of interest awarded in such matters is commensurate with the rate of interest granted by nationalised banks.

4. In view of the above and the statement made by learned counsel for respondent No. 4, the present writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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