



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

CWP-15649-2026

Date of Decision: 19.05.2026

LALITA JAIN

..... PETITIONER

V/S

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Varlin Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* for directing the respondents to forthwith release the delayed interest and withheld amount of all retiral, pensionary, family and promotional benefits payable to the petitioner including but not limited to Gratuity, leave encashment, GPF and other admissible dues alongwith interest @ 12% per annum from the date the amount became due till actual realization.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he will be satisfied, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.4 to consider the legal notice-cum-representations dated 28.11.2025 and 15.02.2026 (Annexures P-7 and P-8, respectively) within a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Karanvir Singh Kathuria, having been served with an advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent(s)-UOI and assures the Court that legal notice-cum-representations dated

28.11.2025 and 15.02.2026 (Annexures P-7 and P-8, respectively) shall be decided by passing a speaking order in accordance with law.

5. In view of the above, and without adverting to the merits of the case, the respondents/competent authority is directed to consider and decide the legal notice-cum-representations dated 28.11.2025 and 15.02.2026 (Annexures P-7 and P-8, respectively), after providing opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. A copy of order so passed be supplied to the petitioner within seven days thereafter.

7. Petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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