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

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Date of Decision: **26.05.2026**

Anil Kumar

....Petitioner

VERSUS

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present : Mr. B.P.S.Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate for the respondent.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the due admissible amount as well as interest on account of delayed release of amount, pension and pensionary benefits especially in view of the order dated 05.07.2024 (Annexure P-2) which has been passed w.r.t. ***CWP-15306-2016, Hari Ram and others Versus Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Nabha Road, Patiala*** decided on 04.09.2017 (Annexure P-4) and in view of law laid down in ***CWP-3426-2025, Sat Narain and others Versus Haryana Power***

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Generation Corporation Limited and another, decided on 19.03.2025 (Annexure P-5).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, contends that the petitioner joined the services of the respondent-Corporation on 27.05.1983 and attained the age of superannuation on 31.07.2019. It is submitted that on the eve of his retirement, a charge-sheet was pending against him; however, the same was subsequently dropped vide order dated 26.05.2022 (Annexure P-3). Thereafter, gratuity was released only on 13.04.2023 and leave encashment was released on 12.02.2021. It is further submitted that the petitioner, along with other similarly situated retirees, had filed CWP-26754-2023, which came to be decided on 15.12.2023 (Annexure P-1). Pursuant thereto, the respondent-Corporation passed order dated 05.07.2024 (Annexure P-2), whereby the claim regarding release of interest on delayed pensionary benefits was acknowledged and sanctioned. It is contended that though interest on delayed release of leave encashment was paid on 06.09.2024, interest on delayed payment of gratuity has not been released till date. Aggrieved thereof, the petitioner served a legal notice dated 03.05.2026 (Annexure P-6); however, the same has remained unresponded.

3. *Per contra*, learned counsel for the respondent-Corporation submits that the present petition is wholly misconceived and devoid of merit and that the petitioner has not approached this Court with complete facts. It

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is submitted that the interest payable from the date of dropping of the charge-sheet till the actual release of retiral dues has already been duly calculated and paid to the petitioner. In this regard, reliance has been placed upon communication dated 25.05.2026, which has been produced before this Court and is taken on record and marked as document 'X'. Registry is directed to place the same at an appropriate place on the case file.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance. It transpires from the record that the petitioner superannuated from service on 31.07.2019 and that a charge-sheet was pending against him at the relevant point of time, which was subsequently dropped vide order dated 26.05.2022. A perusal of the communication Mark 'X' produced by learned counsel for the respondent-Corporation reveals that the interest amount, calculated after three months from the date of dropping of the charge-sheet till the actual release of the dues, amounting to Rs.47,326/-, has already been credited into the account of the petitioner.

5. A copy of the aforesaid communication was supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner during the course of hearing. Upon instructions, learned counsel for the petitioner is unable to controvert the factual position as put forth on behalf of the respondent-Corporation.

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6. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, since the grievance sought to be raised in the present petition already stands redressed and no surviving cause of action remains for adjudication, no further orders are required to be passed by this Court. Accordingly, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

26.05.2026

Puneet Chawla

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