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

(276)

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Date of Decision : 25.03.2026

Mohinder Pal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. J.S. Bhandari, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant writ petition, cast under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a challenge is thrown to the order dated 28.03.2025 (Annexure P-4), passed by respondent No.5, vide which, the claim of the petitioner for interest on the delayed payment of retiral benefits, has been declined.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, while referring to the table as mentioned in Paragraph 7 of the instant writ petition, submits that there is a considerable delay in releasing the retiral benefits to the petitioner. Further, by placing reliance upon the judgment, by virtue of law laid down by Full Bench of this Court in '**A.S. Randhawa versus State of Punjab**' 1997 (3) SCT 468, and a decision rendered by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in '**J.S. Cheema versus State of Haryana**' 2014 (13) R.C.R. (Civil) 355, he submits that the petitioner is entitled for interest @ 6%, on the delayed payment of retiral



3. On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents/State, vociferously opposed the submission, as made by learned counsel for the petitioner and submits that it is a case of voluntary retirement. He further submits that the moment, application of the petitioner was forwarded, it was accepted and the pension case of the petitioner was processed within a period of three months, and all the pensionary benefits were released to the petitioner.

4. In order to ascertain, as to whether, there is a delay in releasing the payment of retiral benefits to the petitioner, or not, let us first have a glimpse upon the facts of the instant case, *qua* which there is no wrangle between the parties concerned.

5. The request of the petitioner for premature retirement w.e.f. 31.12.2022 was accepted by the competent authorities concerned, vide order dated 26.05.2023. The respondents/department, after receipt of the order (supra), vide letter dated 20.06.2023, had directed the Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) concerned, to prepare and send the pension case file of the petitioner to the higher authorities, i.e. Accountant General (Punjab), Chandigarh, for approval, which was approved by the latter, on 19.08.2023. Subsequently, the pension case was sent to the District Treasury, Ferozepur, vide letter dated 05.09.2023, for payment of pension and Death Cum Retirement Gratuity (DCRG). The petitioner was paid the retiral benefits, the details of which are extracted hereinafter :-

Sr. No.	Head of Payment	Amount of Payment	Date of Payment
1.	Provident Fund	6,01,661/-	23.08.2023
2.	G.I.S.	4,332/-	12.10.2023
3.	Leave Encashment	65,495/-	06.11.2023
4.	Gratuity	10,87,812/-	01.12.2023
5.	Commutation of Pension	10,24,699/-	01.12.2023



6. The above sequence of events clearly reflects that there is no inordinate delay, at all in releasing the payment of retiral benefits to the petitioner. The request of the petitioner for premature retirement was approved only on 19.08.2023, by Accountant General (Punjab), Chandigarh, and within a period of ten days, first payment under the head Provident Fund was released, and thereafter, within a period of three months, complete pensionary benefits were released to the petitioner.
7. In view of the above position, and considering the totality of facts and circumstances of the instant *lis*, no case is made out to grant the asked for relief to the petitioner.
8. Consequently, finding no merit in the above submissions, as made on behalf of the petitioner, the instant writ petition is, **dismissed**.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

March 25, 2026
Manpreet

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