

2025:PHHC:138551



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

122

CWP 29650 of 2025

**Date of Decision: 01.10.2025**

Vikrant Khosla

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT**

Present : Mr. A.P. Kaushal, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

**N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)**

1. The petitioner has filed the present petition with a prayer to issue a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to release the interest on the delayed payment of retiral benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had retired on 31.10.2024 on attaining the age of superannuation. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that after receiving the departmental approval, the petitioner's GPF final bill of Rs.29,34,166/- was sent to the Treasury Office but it was returned by raising a frivolous objection. Now, again in the current financial year, the GPF bill of Rs.29,34,166/- was sent to the Treasury Office and was approved on 27.06.2025. He further contends that the amount of GPF has been paid by the Treasury Office on 27.06.2025. Similarly,

even other retiral benefits viz., leave encashment, GIS and gratuity were also delayed, but the petitioner is confining his relief only to the grant of interest on the delayed payment of GPF, which was admittedly paid by the Treasury Office to the petitioner on 27.06.2025. Thus, the petitioner is entitled to the interest on delayed payment of GPF w.e.f. 31.10.2024 till 27.06.2025.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Satnam Preet Singh Chouhan, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. Learned State counsel has opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner but he is not in a position to dispute the factual position submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

7. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties, I find force in the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner. Admittedly, the petitioner had retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.10.2024 from the post of Instructor from Social Education and Panchayat Department. Even, no complaint or inquiry was pending against him at the time of his retirement. Consequently, he was entitled to be paid the amount of GPF without any unnecessary delay. Thus, the respondents are liable to pay interest at the rate of 9% per annum to the petitioner on the delayed payment

of GPF amount, i.e., Rs.29,34,166/- from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursement to the present petitioner.

7. The petition stands allowed in the above terms.

01.10.2025

amit rana

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No