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

COC-36-2025

Date of Decision: April 03, 2025

DR A S SANDHU

.....Petitioner

Versus

SHRI AMIT AGGARWAL AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. K.L. Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Alankrit Bhardwaj, Advocate
for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

By way of present petition filed under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 read with Article 215 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents on account of alleged willful non-compliance of order dated 07.02.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-25461-2023 whereby the writ petition filed at the instance of the petitioner was allowed with respect to release of retiral benefits and the said decision was even upheld in an intra-Court appeal vide order dated 10.04.2024 passed in LPA-901-2024.

Learned counsel for respondent Nos.1 and 2 submits that all the reitral benefits payable to the petitioner stands released, however, still the grievance is being put forth with respect to grant of interest on the delayed disbursal which has nowhere been specifically accorded to the petitioner by the Writ Court or in the intra-Court appeal by the Division Bench.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the paper-book as well as the orders passed by the Writ Court and the Division Bench.

Since no specific or categoric relief on the payment of interest has been accorded in favour of the petitioner, it cannot be held

by any stretch of imagination that there has been any wilful disregard or disrespect on the part of the respondents towards the orders passed by the writ Court and the LPA Bench, however, admittedly since there has been delay on the part of the respondents while making disbursement of the retiral benefits, the petitioner shall be at liberty to approach the respondents with regard to claim of interest by filing representation before the quarter concerned within a period of two weeks from today, which shall be dealt with, as per law, within a period of four weeks thereafter from the date of its receipt by passing a speaking order thereupon, which shall be conveyed to the petitioner within a period of two weeks thereafter and in case of any delay on the part of respondent, the officer concerned would be liable to pay cost(s) of Rs.50,000/- to the petitioner from his/her own pocket.

Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of.

Rule discharged.

03.04.2025

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**(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE**

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| <i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| <i>Whether Reportable</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |