

**JAI SINGH VERMA AND OTHERS Versus STATE OF HP AND
OTHERS**

CWP-1979 of 2024

04.12.2025 Present: Mr. Daleep Singh Kaith, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Anup Rattan, Advocate General with Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. Vishal Panwar, Additional Advocates General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan & Mr. Anish Banshtu, Deputy Advocates General, for the respondents-State.

Mr. Vijay Kumar Arora, Senior Advocate with Mr. Gaurav Kumar, Mr. Hitansh Raj & Ms. Aastha Kohli, Advocates for respondents No.2 & 3.

MD (Forest Development Corporation) by way of filing affidavit dated 26.11.2025 (available at page 140 of the paper book) has stated that inadvertently on 29.10.2025, statement was made to the effect that enhanced gratuity already stands released for the period commencing from 29.03.2018 onwards, whereas only 20% of the enhanced gratuity has been disbursed to the employees, who retired between 29.03.2018 to 31.02.2022, in accordance with the relevant Government notification. It has been further stated in the affidavit that respondent-Corporation is taking further steps for releasing the remaining gratuity amount to the eligible retirees for the aforesaid period i.e. 29.03.2018 to 31.01.2022.

Having taken note of aforesaid affidavit, statement of afore officer recorded on 29.10.2025 to the effect that employees retired between 01.01.2016 to 28.03.2018 have been