

**CWP-7110-2018 (O&M)****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****(242)****CWP-7110-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 21.04.2026**Divisional Forest Officer, Van Mandal,
Gohana Road, Sonapat

...Petitioner

Versus

Smt. Bala/Rajbala and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARIPresent: Mr. Kapil Bansal, DAG, Haryana
for the petitioner.Mr. Ankur Goyat, Advocate
for respondent No.1.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant writ petition, cast under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the legality of award dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-8), passed by learned Tribunal concerned (respondent No.2), has been put to challenge by the petitioner/Management, where through, the reference was answered in favour of the respondent No.1/workman, and she was awarded the relief of reinstatement, with continuity of service and 50% back wages.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner/State, fairly submits that respondent No.1/workman, has already been reinstated into the service, and now, the only issue which remains for consideration is with regard to 50% back wages, awarded by learned Tribunal concerned. He further placed reliance upon the judgment passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in



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CWP-22006-2017 and other connected matters, decided on 05.09.2024, wherein, Coordinate Bench of this Court had reduced the amount of back wages from 50% to 30%.

3. Learned counsel for respondent No.1/workman, does not dispute the above said fact, and submits that the issue as involved in the instant writ petition, is squarely covered with the judgment (*supra*).

4. In view of the consensus arrived at between the parties concerned, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**, and the impugned award is modified only to the extent that respondent No.1/workman, would be entitled for 30% back wages, instead of 50%.

5. Needless to say, that petitioner/department, shall pay 30% back wages to respondent No.1/workman, within a period of three months, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, failing which, the respondent No.1/workman, would further be entitled for interest @ 9% per annum, on the delayed payment.

6. Pending applications, if any, stands disposed of accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

April 21, 2026
Manpreet

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