

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.13853 of 2015  
Date of Decision:14.07.2015**

Ravinder Kumar .....petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others .....respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

- 1.Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgement?**
- 2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?**
- 3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?**

Present: Mr.Rishu Mahajan, Advocate  
for the petitioner

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**ARUN PALLI, J.(ORAL):-**

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, so as to direct the respondents to release the pension and other retiral benefits that are admissible to the petitioner, since he has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation, on 31.05.2015.

Petitioner joined service as Octroi Clerk in January 1983. Since, he was slated to retire on attaining the age of 58 years on 31.05.2015, he moved the respondents vide letter No.1244 dated 04.05.2015 to release his pension book and retiral benefits on the date of his retirement i.e.on 31.05.2015. But with no tangible result. In the meanwhile, he retired on 31.05.2015 as Junior Assistant from the service of Municipal Council, Gurdaspur. He again represented the respondents vide letter No.1574 dated 01.06.2015, but to no avail. So much so, prior to the institution of this petition, the

petitioner purports to have again represented to respondent No.3, vide representation dated 01.07.2015 (Annexure P2), to release all the retiral benefits of the petitioner such as leave encashment, gratuity, provident fund and pension etc, as only a part payment insofar as leave encashment was released. But again, claim of the petitioner qua his legitimate dues continues to await consideration of the authorities.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of, only with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the representation dated 01.07.2015 (Annexure P2) made by the petitioner, within a specified time, as the petitioner has already retired from service and is subjected to financial hardship, on account of the inaction of the respondents.

That being so, and, without expressing any opinion on merits, the instant petition is disposed of, with a direction to the respondents, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as set out in the representation dated 01.07.2015 (Annexure P2), strictly, in accordance with law, within a period of two months, from the receipt of the certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed assigning reasons, in support of the decision arrived at.

14.07.2015

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**(ARUN PALLI)**  
**JUDGE**