

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP NO.22189 of 2015

Date of Decision:21.10.2015

Bhajan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

...Respondents

CORUM:Hon'ble Mr.Justice Rajiv Narain Raina

Present: Ms.Shikha Jaidka, Advocate for the petitioner

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Rajiv Narain Raina, J. (Oral)

The petitioner retired from service as Lineman in the respondent-Corporation on 31st March, 2015. His terminal benefits have not been paid to him, including pension and gratuity, despite the fact that no charge-sheet is pending against him nor there is any other obstacle in the way of terminal benefits. The petitioner has made a representation on 11th August, 2015 (Annexure P-2) to the respondent-Corporation for release of his pensionary dues but no action has been taken on the request so far. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that she would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to consider and decide the representation of the petitioner in a time bound manner. Her prayer is fair and reasonable. Pension is not a bounty. It is valuable right in property which cannot brook delay. Delay causes untold harassment to the pensioner by the passing hour.

Resultantly, a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the

representation of the petitioner within a fortnight from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order and to make available the pension, gratuity and other pensionary dues as are admissible to the petitioner in accordance with rules, within one month thereafter failing which the amounts will earn maximum interest @ 18 per cent till realization which aggravated form within a range of rate of interest from 12% to 18% approved by the Full Bench of this Court in **A. J. Randhawa v. State of Punjab**, 1998 (1) S.C.T 343: 1997 (4) SLR 617: 1997 (3) RSJ 318 on delayed disbursement of terminal benefits earned during service.

With these directions, this petition is disposed of.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)

JUDGE

21.10.2015

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