

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CWP No.442 of 2015

Date of decision: 13.1.2015

Tarsem Lal Dhir and another

... Petitioners

versus

Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation
Limited

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH.

Present: Mr.Anupam Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that though petitioner No.2 retired on 28.2.2014 as a Tubewell Operator, and petitioner No.1 retired on 31.3.2014 as a Superintendent Grade-II, from the respondent Corporation, retirement benefits are still to be released to them. For release of the same, they have filed representations on 5.1.2015 and 2.1.2015, respectively, to the Divisional Engineer of the respondent Corporation, copies of which have been annexed as Annexures P-6 and P-5, respectively, with the petition.

He submits that, at this stage, he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondent to decide the aforesaid representations within a specified period, and that interest be paid on the delayed release of retirement benefits to the petitioners.

Consequently, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent, to call for the representations stated to have been served upon the Divisional Engineer, Tubewell Construction Division, PWRMDC,

Ropar, and to take a decision on the same, by passing a speaking order, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

In case the relief sought in this petition, or any part thereof, is found due, the same shall be released to the petitioners within a period of two months thereafter, along with interest at statutory rates where applicable for delayed payment, and under heads of retirement benefits on which no statutory rate of interest is payable, @ 7% per annum, running from the dates immediately after the dates of retirement of the petitioners, till such payment is actually made to them.

If, for any legally valid reasons, the relief sought by the petitioners, or any part thereof, is not found due, detailed reasons for the same shall be given in the speaking order to be passed.

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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE