

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

CWP No.8463 of 2015
Date of decision: 01.05.2015

Jaskirat Singh Chahal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. B.S. Patwalia, Advocate, for the petitioner.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

ARUN PALLI J. (Oral)

Writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, so as to direct the respondents to consider and grant an extension in service to the petitioner beyond the actual date of retirement i.e. 30.04.2015, as he is a Gallantry Medal recipient. It is averred that the petitioner was initially appointed as Assistant Sub Inspector on 09.04.1977 and was promoted to the rank of Sub Inspector on 01.07.1983. And then as Inspector in the Punjab Police on 21.06.1985. For the exemplary services rendered by the petitioner, he was awarded a Police Medal for Gallantry by the then President of India. So much so, he was also afforded an out of turn promotion as Superintendent of Police in 1996. As the petitioner was slated to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2015, vide representation dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure

P2), he represented to the Government to afford him an extension in service for two years beyond the age of 60 years on account of exceptional and commendable services rendered by him during peak terrorism in the State.

Learned counsel for the petitioner fairly submits that though the petitioner has retired on 30.04.2015, but his representation dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P2) is still pending consideration before the authorities, as no formal order has yet been passed thereon. He submits that this petition be disposed of only with a direction to respondent No.1, to consider and decide the representation of the petitioner within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of only with a direction to respondent No.1, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in his representation dated 10.03.2015 (Annexure P2), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 2 months from the receipt of certified copy of this order. Though, needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed, assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

May 1, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge