

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.9962 of 2015
Date of Decision:18.05.2015**

Sukhbir Singhpetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and othersrespondents

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.Barjesh Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner

ARUN PALLI, J.(ORAL):-

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, so as to direct the respondents to consider the prayer of the petitioner as set out in his representation dated 12.01.2015 (Annexure P1), vide which he has sought pre-mature retirement.

Petitioner was appointed as P.R.Chowkidar in the Department of Food and Civil Supply Department, Ludhiana, on 28.04.1994. He moved a representation dated 12.01.2015 (Annexure P1) to Director, Food and Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, and sought pre-mature retirement w.e.f. 30.04.2015, on completion of more than 20 years of continuous service. Inspector, Food and Supply, Raikot, vide letter dated 27.01.2015, accorded NOC to the petitioner and observed that neither any charge sheet was pending against the petitioner nor any dues were to be recovered from him. Respondent No.3 vide letter

dated 02.02.2015 (Annexure P4) recommended the claim of the petitioner to respondent No.2 i.e. Commissioner, Food Civil and Supply and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, for consideration of his prayer to retire him prematurely w.e.f.30.04.2015. As despite that, no tangible result emerged, respondent No.3, sent a reminder dated 18.03.2015 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2. But that too failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, to consider and decide his prayer as set out in his representation dated 12.01.2015 (Annexure P1) within a specified time.

That being so, and, without expressing any opinion on merits, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as set out in his representation dated 12.01.2015 (Annexure P1), strictly, in accordance with law, within a period of one month, 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.

18.05.2015

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JUDGE