

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

Civil Writ Petition No.10575 of 2016

Date of decision: 25.5.2016

Bimla Devi

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. S.S.Taank, Advocate for the petitioner.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks release of retiral benefits under the revised pay scales on account of revision of pay scales with effect from 1.1.2006 and other admissible benefits along with interest.

The pleaded case of the petitioner is that she joined service of Municipal Council, Batala on 1.12.1990 on the post of Safai Sewak (sweeper) and superannuated on 31.1.2016. No disciplinary proceedings are pending against her and retiral dues are not being paid in-spite of the demand being raised on 8.3.2016 (Annexure P/1).

Counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the representation dated 8.3.2016 (Annexure P/1) within some fixed time frame.

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.S.Sidhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 to 3. Requisite Copies of the writ petition have been supplied to him.

Keeping in view the limited relief sought by the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that there is no requirement of calling for any reply

on behalf of the respondents.

Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent nos.2 and 3 to ensure that respondents no.4 take action on the said representation dated 8.3.2016 (Annexure P/1) and disburse the retiral dues, if there is no legal impediment within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. The said respondent shall also take into consideration the right of the petitioner with regard to grant of interest on delayed payment in view of the Full Bench decision in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab** 1998 (1) S.C.T. 343 and pass a speaking order regarding this aspect. In case the interest is to be denied then a reasoned order be passed by the said respondent and be conveyed to the petitioner.

May 25, 2016
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(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
Judge