

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.4425 of 2016

Date of decision: 16.3.2016

Manjeet Pal Singh Bedi

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks direction to the respondents to act upon the legal notice dated 16.10.2015 (Annexure P/1) and for the release of arrears and benefits of pension.

The pleaded case of the petitioner is that he was appointed as Junior Engineer and subsequently promoted to the posts of Assistant Executive Engineer and Executive Engineer. He retired on 31.5.2015 from respondent no.2-Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. No departmental enquiry or charge sheet is pending against him. The Corporations had issued No Dues Certificate in favour of the petitioner but the retiral dues have been withheld in spite of the fact that legal notice dated 16.10.2015 (Annexure P/1) has been served upon the respondents.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 16.10.2015 (Annexure P/1) within some fixed time frame.

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 no.2 to decide the said legal notice dated 16.10.2015 (Annexure P/1) and ensure disbursement of retiral dues within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a 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 any adverse order is to be passed then a reasoned order be passed by the said respondent and be conveyed to the petitioner.

The present writ petition is disposed off with the aforesaid directions.

March 16, 2016
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(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
Judge