

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.19310 of 2017
DECIDED ON: August 28, 2017

RAVINDER KUMAR

.....PETITIONER..

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS..

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh Dhindsa, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the pensionary benefits of the petitioner, which are not being released despite the fact that more than 8 months have elapsed and no inquiry or any other proceedings are pending against him, along with interest @ 18% per annum.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case direction is issued to the respondent(s) to decide the legal notice dated 05.06.2017 (Annexure P-8) within a stipulated period.

3. Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent(s) to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his legal notice dated 05.06.2017 (Annexure P-8) and decide the same particularly in

view of judgment passed by this Court in case *CWP No. 19676 of 2016 (O&M)*, titled as “*Ashwani Kumar and others v. State of Punjab and others*” decided on 30.03.2017 (Annexure P-5), within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the concerned authorities come to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the relief claimed, to release/disburse the same, within a period of next 45 days. The matter with regard to grant of interest on delayed payment be also considered in view of the observations made by Full Bench of this Court in case captioned as “*A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997 (3) SCT 468*.”

4. However, in case, the petitioner still feels aggrieved against the order passed by the respondent(s), he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*