

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 19571 OF 2017
DECIDED ON: SEPTEMBER 12, 2017

PRITAM SINGH

.....PETITIONER..

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS..

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Raman Goklaney, 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 respondents No. 4 & 5 to release interest @ 18% per annum on delayed payment of retiral benefits amounting to ₹7,72,351/- in view of full bench of this Court in “*AS Randhawa v. State of Punjab and others*”, **1997 (3) SCT 468**, Security amount of ₹1,28,954/- lying with respondent No.5 and arrears of salary amounting to ₹1,31,258/-.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that though legal notice dated 22.06.2017 (Annexure P-7) was duly served upon the respondents but till date neither any response has been received nor any conscious decision has been taken. He submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case direction is issued to respondent(s) to decide aforesaid legal notice, within a stipulated period.

3. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Registrar, Cooperative Societies, Punjab, Sector 17, Chandigarh to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his legal notice dated 22.06.2017 (Annexure P-7) and to decide the same, in accordance with law and matter with regard to grant of interest on delayed payment shall also be 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**”, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the concerned authority comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the relief claimed, to make the payment within a period of next 45 days.

4. However, if the petitioner still feels aggrieved of the order passed by the concerned authority, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*