

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

Sr. No.136

Civil Writ Petition No.21252 of 2017
DECIDED ON: September 18, 2017

HARI SINGH

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By virtue of the instant civil writ petition preferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to immediately release the retirement gratuity of the petitioner which has become due on his retirement on March 31, 2016 along with interest @ 18% on delayed payment thereof.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that though a legal notice was issued to the respondents on May 10, 2016 (P-3) but till date neither any reply to the said legal notice has been received nor any final order has been passed by the concerned authorities.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated May 10, 2016 (P-3) within some specified period.

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4. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Director, Ayurveda Punjab, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his Legal Notice dated May 10, 2016 (P-3) and to take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order that too, after giving a patience hearing to the petitioner within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Respondent No.2 is further directed to disburse the same, in case, he comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to it within a period of next one month.

5. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

September 18, 2017
Ankur

(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No