

CWP No. 21551 of 2017

DECIDED ON: SEPTEMBER 21, 2017

RAMESH CHAND MOGHA

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Varun Dhawan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release all the remaining retiral benefits to the petitioner along-with interest.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though various representations were given by the petitioner to the respondents. He has also served a legal notice dated August 21, 2017 (Annexure P-4) upon the respondents but neither any reply nor any conscious decision has been taken by the authorities till date. He further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to decide the legal notice (Annexure P-4) within a stipulated period.

3. Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in the legal notice dated August 21, 2017 (Annexure P-7) and to take a conscious decision in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case respondent No.3 comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the relief(s) claimed by him, to release the same within next 45 days. However, the matter with regard to grant of interest on delayed payments be also considered in view of 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** and in CWP No. 8772 of 2015 titled as **Charan Dass vs. State of Punjab & others;** decided on July 11, 2017. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any order of the afore-said authority, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*