

CWP No. 21758 of 2017

DECIDED ON: SEPTEMBER 22, 2017

DARSHAN 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 the issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents No.4 and 5 to release full and final retiral benefits to the petitioner and also to release the arrears of salary after incorporating annual increments, dearness allowance etc as well benefits of 4-9-14 ACP Scheme with further direction to grant interest on delayed payments.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though a legal notice dated July 25, 2017 (Annexure P-2) was served upon the respondents, which has neither fetch any reply nor benefits have been released so far. He further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider and dispose of the legal notice (Annexure P-2) within a stipulated period.

3. Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in the legal notice dated July 25, 2017 (Annexure P-2) and to take a conscious decision in accordance with law, rules, regulations and instructions issued by the government from time to time, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case respondent No.2 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.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*