

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

Sr. No.122

Civil Writ Petition No.25405 of 2017
DECIDED ON: November 08, 2017

PARDEEP KUMAR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

**THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT,
PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Vikram Anand, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By virtue of the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the pending pensionary benefits along with interest @ 24% per annum on the delayed payments, which has been withheld by the respondents-department.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though a legal notice dated September 04, 2017 (P-2) was moved to the respondents but till date, no conscious decision has been taken so far. He further submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case a direction is given to respondents No.2 to 4, to decide the aforesaid legal notice, within some specified period.

3. Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with the direction to respondents No.2 to 4, to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner

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in the legal notice dated September 04, 2017 (P-2) and to take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order considering all the facts narrated in the aforesaid legal notice within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case, competent authorities comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the relief(s) claimed, same be released to him within a period of next 45 days. Factum of interest in view of judgment passed by Full Bench of this Court in case ***A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab & Ors., 1997 (3) SCT 468*** as well as judgment passed by this Court in CWP No.8772 of 2015 captioned as ***Charan Dass vs. State of Punjab & Ors.*** decided on July 11, 2017, be also considered on delayed payment(s).

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

November 08, 2017
Ankur

(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No