

**CWP No. 12706 of 2018
DECIDED ON: MAY 21, 2018**

SATPAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. R.D. Sharma, 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 the respondents to release all the retiral benefits accrued to him on account of his retirement such as leave encashment and gratuity along-with arrears thereof, as well as interest @18% per annum on the delayed payment(s)

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner stood retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.10.2017 but till date no benefit has been released/disbursed to him. He further submits that neither any departmental inquiry nor any judicial proceeding is/was pending against the petitioner either at the time of his retirement or at present. Petitioner moved representation dated 26.04.2018 (P-2) but till date neither any conscious

decision has been taken nor benefits have been released to him. He further submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondents to consider and decide the afore-said representation (P-2) within a stipulated period.

3. Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his representation dated 26.04.2018 (P-2) and to decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. If there is no impediment in granting the retiral benefits, to calculate and release the same within a period of next 45 days.

4. However, respondents are also directed to consider the case of the petitioner for the grant of interest in view of judgment passed by Full Bench of this Court in the case of *“A.S Randhawa v. State of Punjab and others; 1997 (3) SCT 468* as well as Punjab Govt. Instructions No.1/15/90IFPIII/4226, dated 10.05.1990.

5. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any order of the aforesaid authority, he shall be at liberty to have recourse to other remedies available to him under law as well as to approach this Court.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>