

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CWP No.19781 of 2015

Date of decision: November 26, 2018

Som Dutt

..... Petitioner

Versus

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr.Vishva Nath Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the petitioner has prayed that he is entitled for interest @ 9.5% per annum on the delayed payments of the retiral benefits, which were paid after a period of three years. It has been contended in the writ petition that the petitioner retired on 30.06.2007 but the payments were actually released to him in September/October, 2010 after a delay of more than three years. It has been contended by the counsel for the petitioner that there was no valid justification for withholding the payments.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Suvir Sehgal, Advocate, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the

respondents. He is already appearing in another identical matter, which has been disposed of by a separate order of this Court.

Counsel for the petitioner states that he has filed the legal notice (Annexure P-4) on 27.02.2015, which is pending and has not been decided so far and he will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is given to them to decide the legal notice.

Counsel for the petitioner states that he will be satisfied in case a direction is given to the respondents to consider his case for the grant of interest on the delayed payments.

Counsel for the respondents has no objection with the relief being prayed for.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or the submission of the petitioner for the grant of interest, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pass a speaking order on the legal notice (Annexure P-4) dated 27.02.2015 within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found entitled for any monetary benefits, the same shall also be released to him within a period of next three months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

November 26, 2018

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