

**CWP No. 21950 of 2018
DECIDED ON: AUGUST 31, 2018**

GURTEHAL SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Amandeep Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Through the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant interest @ 18% on the delayed payment of GPF in view of instructions dated 07.08.2014 (P-6).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that though a legal notice dated 19.04.2018 (P-7) was duly served upon the respondents but till date neither any reply to the said legal notice has been received nor any final order has been passed by the respondents. He further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to decide the afore-said legal notice (P-7) in a time bound manner.

3. 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

19.04.2018 (P-7) and to take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order considering all the facts narrated in the aforesaid legal notice as well as 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 and also 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 and also in view of instructions bearing No. 1/15/90-IFPIII/4226, dated May 10, 1990 and dated 07.08.2014 (P-6), within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case the competent authority comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the relief(s), same be released to him within next one month.

4. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, he shall be at liberty to have recourse to other remedies available under the law including to approach this Court.

AUGUST 31, 2018
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No