

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

(267)

CWP-24324-2018

Date of Decision: December 13, 2018

Amarjeet Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

The Secretary Deptt of Secondary Education, Punjab and ors

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Shashi Bhushan Nagpal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present case, the petitioner is seeking the interest on the delayed payments.

As per the averments made in the petition, the petitioner retired from service on 30.06.2017 and the retiral benefits were released starting from March 2018 onwards.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in view of the law laid down by the full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) S.C.T. 468** and thereafter reiterated in **J.S. Cheema Vs. State of Haryana and others, 2014 (1) S.C.T. 782**, the petitioner is entitled for the interest on the delayed payments as there is no valid justification with the respondents to withhold the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 24.06.2018 (Annexure P-8) within a time bound manner by passing a speaking order by considering the law mentioned above.

Learned counsel for the respondents has no objection to the relief which is being prayed for by the petitioner.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the legal notice dated 24.06.2018 (Annexure P-8), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 24.06.2018 (Annexure P-8) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled to any monetary benefits after the decision of the legal notice, the same should also be paid to the petitioner within three months thereafter.

December 13, 2018
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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