

134/6 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 2518 of 2018
DECIDED ON: FEBRUARY 05, 2018

VINOD KUMAR & ANOTHER

....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Vikas Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, petitioners have sought a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release all the retiral benefits accrued to them on account of death of their father along-with interest @18% on the delayed payment(s) from the date it became due.

2. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the father of the petitioners stood retired on May 31, 2017 and after his retirement he died on August 11, 2017 but till date nothing has been paid to them. The mother of the petitioners has also died before the death of their father. There is no departmental or judicial proceedings pending against the father of the petitioners. Petitioner constrained to serve a legal notice dated December 27,

2017 (P-1) upon the respondents, which also did not fetch any reply. He further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondents to consider and decide the afore-said legal notice (P-1) within a time bound manner.

3. In view of afore-said facts and circumstances, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in the legal notice (P-1) and to decide the same in accordance with law, rules and regulations after verifying the legal heirship of the deceased within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case the authority comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the relief so claimed through the legal notice and there is no legal impediment, to release the same within next 45 days.

4. The claim with regard to interest on delayed payment(s) shall also be considered in view of the observations made by Full Bench of this Court in case captioned as *“A.S. Randhawa v. State of Punjab”, 1997 (3) RSJ 318* as well as by this Court in CWP No. 14726 of 2016, titled as Megh Singh vs. Registrar Cooperative Societies, Punjab, Chandigarh and others, decided on February 01, 2018.

5. However, if the petitioners still feel aggrieved against the order passed by the concerned authority, they shall be at liberty 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>