

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 25845 of 2018
Date of Decision : 19.11.2018

Kuldeep Verma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vikas Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking interest on the delayed payment of retiral benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner retired on 31.07.2017 but his gratuity was only released on 20.03.2018 even though the same was sanctioned on 29.08.2017. Learned counsel states that there is no justifiable explanation given in the release of the actual amount despite the fact that the same was sanctioned on 29.08.2017. He further states that the other retiral benefits such as GPF as well as leave encashment were also released in February/March, 2018 and hence, the petitioner is entitled for the interest on the delayed payment.

For the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has issued a legal notice dated 08.05.2018 (Annexure P-4) through his counsel, which according to the petitioner, has not been decided so far. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner

will be satisfied if a direction is given to the respondents to decide his legal notice dated 08.05.2018 (Annexure P-4).

Without going into the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the present writ petition with a direction to the competent authority, to whom the legal notice has been issued, to decide legal notice dated 08.05.2018 (Annexure P-4) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case there is any merit found by the competent authority in respect of the claim of the petitioner and the petitioner is found entitled to any monetary benefit, the same be calculated and be paid to the petitioner within a next period of two months.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

November 19, 2018
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*