

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 30557 of 2018
Date of Decision : 03.12.2018

Dr. Harbhajan Singh Bhatti

...Petitioner

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and another

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the petitioner is seeking a direction for release of the unpaid retiral benefits such as gratuity and leave encashment alongwith interest. Further the petitioner is also claiming interest on the delayed payment on the ground that no justifiable reason has been given for withholding the retiral benefits and the same were paid after an inordinate delay.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 27.03.2018 (Annexure P-8) alongwith other similarly situated persons and the legal notice is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the legal notice by passing a speaking order.

Without going into the merits of the case or expressing any opinion to the entitlement of the petitioner in respect of the claim prayed in

the present writ petition or in the legal notice, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pass an appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 27.03.2018 (Annexure P-8) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case after the order, it is found by the respondents that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefits, the same should also be released to him within a period of next three months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

December 03, 2018

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No

Whether reportable? Yes/No