

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 30564 of 2018
Date of Decision : 03.12.2018

Gurpreet Singh Dhillon and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. B.R. Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed by the petitioners claiming interest on the delayed payments.

The petitioners have averred that they retired on various dates starting from the year 2014 onwards but their retiral benefits were released after an inordinate delay and without any justification for which they are entitled for the interest keeping in view the law laid down by this Court in the case of *J.S. Cheema Vs. State of Haryana and others*, 2014(13) RCR (Civil) 355.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further states that the petitioners had served the respondents with a joint legal notice dated 19.03.2018 (Annexure P-4), which is still pending consideration with respondents and the petitioners 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 petitioners 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 appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioners in the legal notice dated 19.03.2018 (Annexure P-4) 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 petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefits, the same should also be released to them 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*