

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

CWP No.7182 of 2018

Date of Decision : 22.03.2018

Malkiat Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Harinder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner was appointed as Science Master in the School Education Department of the Government of Punjab on 3.12.1981. He was promoted as Lecturer in Punjabi (School Cadre) on 30.05.2008. He has since retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2017, and is thus, entitled to all the retiral/pensionary benefits admissible to him. The Principal of the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Faridkot, who is also the Drawing and Disbursing Authority of the petitioner, had even forwarded his claim/bills No.145, 148 and 150, vide letter dated 1.1.2018, to the District Treasury Officer, Faridkot (respondent No.2). The limited grievance that the petitioner has is; that his retiral benefits are not being released, without there being any justification, rather, in response to the legal notice, vide letter dated 26.02.2018 (Annexure P-2), respondent No.2 has conveyed that only those pensionary benefits have been released that

were received by the Treasury up to 31.07.2017. And, payment as regards other bills shall be made only after the fresh instructions are received from the Government. It is urged, that the petitioner is in acute financial crisis and requires financial assistance to marry of his daughter.

That being so, the petition is disposed of, at this stage, only with a direction to the respondents to consider this petition as a representation on behalf of the petitioner, and pass appropriate orders within a period of two weeks from the receipt of the certified copy of this order. And, in the absence of any impediment as regards the petitioner's entitlement or the said benefits being admissible, the requisite amount shall be disbursed to the petitioner without any further delay. On the contrary, if for any reasons, his claim is declined, the respondents-authority shall pass a comprehensive order assigning reasons in support thereof.

22.03.2018

Manoj Bhutani

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

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