

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 142

Civil Writ Petition No.9370 of 2018  
DECIDED ON: April 19, 2018

RAMESH KUMAR SINGLA

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE BANK OF INDIA AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr.Surinder Garg, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the compound interest as provided under the payment of Gratuity Act for delayed payment of Gratuity and Leave Encashment. It is further prayed that the petitioner be also granted third and fourth stagnation increment and after granting the said benefit the pay of the petitioner be re-fixed and his retiral benefits be revised accordingly, after revision, the said benefits be paid to the petitioner along with compound interest as per the provision of Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that though a legal notice was made to respondent No.1 on November 06, 2017 (Annexure P-5) but till date neither any reply to the said legal notice has been received nor any final order has been passed by the concerned Department.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.1 to decide his legal notice dated November 06, 2017 (Annexure P-5) within some specified period.

4. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1-Chief General Manager, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, Sector 17-A, Chandigarh, to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his legal notice dated November 06, 2017 (Annexure P-5) and to take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order as per rules and instructions issued by the Government from time to time within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

5. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

**19.04.2018**

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**(JASPAL SINGH)  
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned**

**Yes/No**

**Whether reportable**

**Yes/No**