

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

(116)

CWP-2864-2019

Date of Decision: February 01, 2019

Jarnail Singh and others

..Petitioners

Versus

P.R.T.C Patiala and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim which is being made by the petitioners is that they were paid their retiral benefits after inordinate delay and for withholding of the pensionary benefits without any valid justification. Respondents are unable to pay the interest on the delayed payments as per the settled principle of law settled by the full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468.**

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have served the respondents with a legal notice dated 12.09.2018 (Annexure P-7) and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 12.09.2018 (Annexure P-7) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the legal notice dated 12.09.2018 (Annexure P-7), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal

notice dated 12.09.2018 (Annexure P-7) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioners are entitled to any monetary benefits after the decision of the legal notice, the same should also be paid to them within three months thereafter.

February 01, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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