

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 3166 of 2019

Date of Decision : 04.02.2019

Panna Lal and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the prayer is for the grant of interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits. The reliance has been placed upon the judgment of a Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468***, to contend that the employees, whose pensionary benefits have been released without unexplained delay, are entitled for the interest.

As per the averments made in the writ petition, the petitioners retired on 31.12.2017 and all the payments were released after a delay of six months.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have made representation dated 10.08.2018 (Annexure P-3) to the respondents, which are still pending consideration and the petitioners will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the representation 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 representation, 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 petitioners in the representation dated 10.08.2018 (Annexure P-3) 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.

February 04, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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