

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 4914 of 2019

Date of Decision : 25.02.2019

Sukhwant Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation

...Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present case, the petitioners are claiming the interest on the delayed release of the retiral benefits. In support of their claim, they are relying upon an order passed by this Court in **CWP No. 15306 of 2016** titled '**Hari Ram and others Vs. Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, decided on 04.09.2017 (Annexure P-2).**

As per the averments made in para 2 of the writ petition, though the petitioners retired from service starting from the year 2009 onwards till 2018, the retiral benefit were released to them after an explained delay.

Counsel for the petitioners states that there was no valid justification with the respondents to withhold the amount and in view of the law laid down by this Court in the case mentioned above, the petitioners are entitled for the interest on the delayed payments.

Counsel for the petitioners states that at this stage, the

petitioners will be satisfied in case a direction is given to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 04.01.2019 (Annexure P-1) keeping in view the law laid down by this Court in **Hari Ram's case (supra)**.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioners, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 04.01.2019 (Annexure P-1) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case after the decision, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to them within a period of next three months.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

February 25, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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