

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 4010 of 2019
Date of Decision : 14.02.2019

Chand Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. S.K. Chawla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that she retired from the service of Municipal Council, Kotkapura on 31.07.2017 and her retiral benefits have not been released so far except the payment of ₹3 lacs, which was given to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that more than ₹15 lacs is still due but the payment is not being made without any justifiable reason. He further states that there is no impediment in the release of the retiral benefits as there are no proceedings pending against the petitioner, which would entitle the respondents to withhold the benefits. Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 31.12.2018 (Annexure P-1) and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 4 to decide the legal notice by passing a speaking order.

Without going into the merits of the case or expressing any opinion to the entitlement of the petitioner in respect of the claim prayed in the present writ petition or in the legal notice, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 4 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 31.12.2018 (Annexure P-1) 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 petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefits, the same should also be released to her within a period of next three months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

February 14, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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