

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 4685 of 2019

Date of Decision : 22.02.2019

**Mehmood Hassan**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**Punjab Wakf Board and another**

**...Respondents**

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

Present: Mr. Arvind Galav, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)**

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that the entitlement of the petitioner for counting his service rendered as a Clerk-cum-Rent Collector with the Punjab Wakf Board before his appointment as Estate Officer in the same Board, became final keeping in view the decision rendered by this Court in CWP No. 3182 of 2011, decided on 20.07.2012 but the actual benefits arising out of the said judgment were paid to the petitioner after more than three years. The delay in payment is without any valid justification and, therefore, the petitioner becomes entitled for the interest on the said payments, which were withheld by the respondents without any valid justification.

Learned counsel for the petitioner 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 06.08.2018 (Annexure P-16) and

the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents 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 the respondents to pass an appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 06.08.2018 (Annexure P-16) 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 him within a period of next three months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

**February 22, 2019**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

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