

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

CWP No. 4912 of 2019

Date of Decision : 25.02.2019

Jaswant Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that though the petitioner retired on 31.3.2018, all the retiral benefits for which the petitioner was entitled for, have not been released so far.

It has been admitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the gratuity, leave encashment and the regular pension are being paid to the petitioner but the amounts of General Provident Fund and the Group Insurance Scheme have not been released to the petitioner so far without any valid justification. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that there is no impediment in the release of the said benefits as there are no enquiry or any proceeding pending against the petitioner, which would entitle the respondents to withhold these benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has made

representation dated 22.10.2018 (Annexure P-3) to the respondents and the petitioner 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 petitioner 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 petitioner in the representation dated 22.10.2018 (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 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 25, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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