

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP-5239-2019

Date of Decision: - 27.02.2019

Ravinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and another

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Rishu Garg, Advocate  
for the petitioner

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**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)**

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioner is that he retired from service on 30.11.2017, but his pensionary benefits were released after an inordinate and unexplained delay.

Counsel for the petitioner states that there was no valid justification with the respondents to withhold the pensionary benefits as there were no proceedings pending against the petitioner and in view of the settled principle of law settled by a Full Bench of this Court in A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468, the petitioner is entitled for interest on the delayed release of the payment.

Counsel for the petitioner further states that for the relief which has been sought in the present writ petition, the petitioner

has served the respondents with a legal notice on 10.12.2018 (Annexure P-2), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said legal notice.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 10.12.2018 (Annexure P-2) 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 petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to him within a period of next three months.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

**( HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI )**  
**JUDGE**

**February 27, 2019**  
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| Whether reasoned/speaking? | Yes |
| Whether reportable?        | No  |