

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

(128)

CWP-7331-2019

Date of Decision: March 18, 2019

Naranjan Lal Sharma

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Shashi Bhushan Nagpal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioner is that though the petitioner retired on 30.04.2018, actually his benefits were paid starting from November 2018 till January, 2019 after a delay of period ranging from 7 months to 9 months and therefore as the delay was unjustified, in view of the settled principle of law settled by this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468,* the petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest on the said payments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served upon the respondents with a representation dated 13.07.2018 (Annexure P-4) and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the representation dated 13.07.2018 (Annexure P-4) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the representation dated 13.07.2018 (Annexure P-4), the present writ

petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 13.07.2018 (Annexure P-4) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefits after the decision of the representation, the same should also be paid to him within three months thereafter.

March 18, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No