

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 12960 of 2019
Date of Decision : 16.05.2019

Jatinder Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and another

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioners is for the grant of interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits.

As per the averments made in the writ petition, petitioners retired from service starting from the year 2013 till 2017 and their pensionary benefits were only released in the year 2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that as there no valid justification with the respondents to withhold the pensionary benefits, therefore, petitioners are entitled for the grant of interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits in view of the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in the case of *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468*.

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

served the respondents with a legal notice dated 15.04.2019 (Annexure P-7) and the petitioners 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 petitioners in respect of the relief claimed 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 petitioners in the legal notice dated 15.04.2019 (Annexure P-7) 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 petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefits, the same should also be released to them within a period of next three months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

May 16, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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