

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

CWP No. 13077 of 2019

Date of Decision : 17.05.2019

Anokha Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. P.K. Goklaney, Advocate and
Mr. Arvinder Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioner is that initially he was appointed as a Pump Operator with the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board on 13.05.1989 but services were regularized on 28.11.2002. Thereafter, on 02.08.2005 petitioner was transferred to Municipal Council, Ferozepur, where he had worked upto 01.09.2014 and thereafter, was reverted back to his parent department i.e. Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, from where he retired on 31.03.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that no pensionary benefits have been released to him without any valid justification and there is no impediment in the release of the pensionary benefits as there are no proceedings either departmental or criminal pending against the petitioner, which would entitle the respondents to withhold the pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that for the relief,

which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 11.04.2019 (Annexure P-8) 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 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 petitioner in the legal notice dated 11.04.2019 (Annexure P-8) 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.

May 17, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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