

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 15018 of 2019
Date of Decision : 29.05.2019

Raj Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and another

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. A.S. Pannu, Advocate for
Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioners is that though they retired 2010 onwards till 2018 but their retiral benefits were delayed without any valid jurisdiction.

The details of the payments, which were made to the petitioners have been given in para 2 of the writ petition and on the basis of those facts, learned counsel for the petitioners argues that as the retiral benefits were delayed without any justifiable reason, therefore, petitioners are entitled for the grant of interest as per the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468*. Learned counsel for the petitioners further argues that similarly situated employees of the Corporation, who had approached this Court by filing CWP No. 15306 of 2016 titled as *Hari Ram and others Vs. Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Nabha Road, Patiala*, decided on 04.09.2017, were granted

the benefit of interest by this Court and the petitioners in present writ petition are similarly situated as the petitioners in ***CWP No. 15306 of 2016*** and are hence, entitled for the grant of interest on the delayed payments.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have made representation dated 11.03.2019 (Annexure P-7) to the respondents and the petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners in the representation dated 11.03.2019 (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 29, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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