

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

(133)

CWP-14302-2019

Date of Decision: May 27, 2019

Ramesh Pal

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Parshotam Lal Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that he retired on 31.07.2016 from the service of the Municipal Council, Sunam but after the retirement, the petitioner is being paid the pensionary benefits in installments and even upto now all the pensionary benefits have not been released. A sum of Rs.1,75,058/- is still pending to be paid to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further argues that as the pensionary benefits were delayed without any valid justification, as per the settled principle of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468,** the petitioner is also entitled for the interest on the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 28.03.2019 (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 said legal notice 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 legal notice dated 28.03.2019 (Annexure P-4), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 28.03.2019 (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 legal notice, the same should also be paid to him within three months thereafter.

May 27, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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