

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.15267 of 2019 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION:20.08.2019

Dr. Inderjit Singh Bagga

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. K.B. Raheja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

C.M.No.10980-CWP of 2019

Application is allowed.

Annexures P-3 and P-4 are taken on record.

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In the present writ petition though the petitioner has made a prayer for release of the withheld gratuity amounting to ₹6,70,137/- but at the time of hearing, counsel for the petitioner states that he does not press the said prayer and only claim prayed by the petitioner at the time of hearing is for the grant of interest on the delayed release of the petitioner's retiral benefits except the amount of gratuity amounting to ₹6,70,137/-.

Counsel for the petitioner argues that though the petitioner has retired after availing the extension on 31.01.2018 but his pensionary benefits except gratuity were only released in June,

2018 and September, 2018. Counsel for the petitioner states that the amount of GIS was released in January, 2019. Though along with the writ petition, no representation was attached by the petitioner but alongwith CM.No.10980-CWP of 2019, he has attached two representations dated 13.08.2018 and 24.12.2018 wherein the petitioner has raised a claim for the grant of interest on the delayed payments.

Counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioner for the grant of interest on the delayed release of payments except the gratuity, which is still the subject matter of CWP No.1618 of 2017, 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, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioner as raised in representations dated 13.08.2018 and 24.12.2018 within a period of three months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order.

August 20, 2019

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No