

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

(120)

CWP-14768-2019

Date of Decision: May 29, 2019

Parkash Singh and others

.. Petitioners

Versus

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and anr

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioner is that their pensionary benefits were released after undue and unexplained delay and keeping in view 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,* petitioners are entitled for the interest on the delayed release of their pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the pensionary benefits were delayed for a period ranging from three to six years and no explanation is coming forward as to why the benefits of the petitioners were not released immediately upon their retirement or within a reasonable period.

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 22.02.2019 (Annexure P-3) and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the legal notice dated 22.02.2019 (Annexure P-3), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 22.02.2019 (Annexure P-3) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

May 29, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No