

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

(254)

CWP-24258-2016

Date of Decision: March 07, 2019

Raj Kumar

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. H.K. Brinda, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioner is that the amount of the GPF for which the petitioner is entitled for, has not been released to him despite the fact that he retired from service on 30.06.2014. Petitioner is also asking for the interest on the delayed release of the payments of other retiral benefits.

The present writ petition was filed in the year 2016 but no reply has been filed by the respondents so far.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served upon the respondents with a legal notice dated 13.06.2016 (Annexure P-5) requesting for the release of the GPF fund along with interest on the delayed release of the payments after the petitioner retired on 30.06.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 13.06.2016 (Annexure P-5) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Learned counsel for the respondents states that the claim of the petitioner for the release of the pensionary benefits will be considered by passing an appropriate order if not already released.

Learned counsel for the respondents further states that the claim of the petitioner for the grant of interest will also be considered 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** and appropriate order will be passed within a period of two months from today.

Keeping in view the undertaking given by counsel for the respondents, recorded above, counsel for the petitioner states that the present writ petition be disposed of as not pressed.

The present writ petition is disposed of with above order.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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