

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

(116)

CWP-20900-2019

Date of Decision: July 30, 2019

Vinod Bhushan

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: None for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

As per the averments made in the present writ petition, initially, the petitioner joined Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation Limited as Junior Engineer on 03.01.1978. On 27.06.1996, petitioner was sent on deputation to Municipal Council Rampura Phul where he was ultimately absorbed and he retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.09.2015. The grievance raised by the petitioner is that after his retirement, the pensionary benefits have not been released to him without any valid justification.

The contention of the petitioner is that there is no impediment in the release of the pensionary benefits as there were no criminal or departmental proceedings pending against the petitioner at the time of retirement which would entitle the respondents to withhold the pensionary benefits. The prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to release the pensionary benefits forthwith.

From the pleadings, it transpires that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the

respondents with a legal notice dated 10.04.2019 (Annexure P-8) and the interest of justice will be served, 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 10.04.2019 (Annexure P-8), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 10.04.2019 (Annexure P-8) 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.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

July 30, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No