

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

CWP-22922-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision : 30.01.2019

Harbhajan Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar, Advocate,
for Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant Old Age Pension to the petitioner.

It is contended that the petitioner applied for grant of pension under the Old Age Pension Scheme and upon consideration, respondent No.4 issued letter dated 05.08.1997 (Annexure P-1) allowing pension w.e.f. May, 1997. However, till date, the necessary benefit has not been released to him.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that the petitioner for the first time applied for Old Age Pension in the month of July, 2016. He submitted his form to CDPO, Phagwara on 20.07.2016 which was forwarded and submitted with SDM, Phagwara on 21.07.2016.

The application was allowed and he was granted pension w.e.f. August, 2016 vide PLA No.2016213 and since then, the petitioner has been getting the pension.

In view of the above circumstances, the instant petition appears to be ill conceived which warrants exemplary costs on the petitioner. However, considering the ripe age of the petitioner, the order as to the costs is not being passed.

Dismissed.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No