

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

(243)

CWP-28738-2017

Date of Decision: February 04, 2019

Bhadur Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Nikhil Batra, Advocate, for
Mr. Mandeep K. Saajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate, for the respondents.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim is for the interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits. The claim is being made upon the basis of the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468.**

It has been contended in the writ petition that the petitioner retired on 31.01.2015 and though there was no impediment in the release of the pensionary benefits, the same were released after an inordinate and unexplained delay.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in respect of the claim made in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served upon the respondents with a legal notice dated 02.09.2015 (Annexure P-9). Counsel further states that the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioner for the grant of interest on the delayed payments.

Learned counsel for the respondents has no objection for the grant of the prayer for deciding the claim of the petitioner for the grant of interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits in view of the law laid down by the full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa's case (supra)**.

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 02.09.2015 (Annexure P-9), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 02.09.2015 (Annexure P-9) 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 to 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

February 04, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No