

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

CWP-23572 of 2019

Date of decision: 30.08.2019

Jagtar Singh

.... Petitioner

versus

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd and others

.... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vipul Dharmani, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. .

The grievance which is being raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition is that though the petitioner has already retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2018 but his pensionary benefits have not been released by the respondents so far. Counsel for the petitioner argues that there is no impediment in the release of pensionary benefits as there are no proceedings pending against the petitioner either departmental or before any other competent Court of law, which would entitle the respondents to withhold his pensionary benefits. Counsel further prays that a direction needs to be issued to the respondents to release the pensionary benefits of the petitioner forthwith.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been sought in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 04.09.2018 (Annexure P/3), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to

decide the said legal notice.

Keeping in view the advance notice served, Mr. M.K. Dogra, counsel for respondent/PSPCL appears and states that the respondents have no objection in acceptance of request of the petitioner to decide the said legal notice in a time bound manner.

In view of the same, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 04.09.2018 (Annexure P/3) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case after the decision, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to him within a period of next three months.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/non-speaking? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |