

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

**CWP No. 6484 of 2017
Date of decision : 03.09.2019**

Sushil Versha and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Pawan Kumar Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioners is that all the pensionary benefits for which they were entitled, after their superannuation, have not been released. The prayer in this writ petition is that appropriate direction be issued to the respondents to release the pensionary benefits of the petitioners alongwith interest.

In the reply filed by the respondents, they have stated that all the benefits for which the petitioners were entitled have already been released and the details of payments made to the petitioners, have already been mentioned in the reply as well. As per the respondents, the reason for delay in releasing the pensionary benefits was only that certain documents, which were required to be signed by the petitioners, were not signed by them. Certain letters have been appended alongwith the reply in this regard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that though the details of payments as given in the reply, have been paid but the petitioners are entitled for interest on the same. Learned counsel further states that the letters, which have been appended with the reply, were never received by them at any stage and the same cannot be taken as a ground for denying the petitioners benefits of interest. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that he be given liberty to file a representation claiming the interest by bringing to the notice of the respondents all the factual aspects of their case that they were not at fault and the delay in payment cannot be attributed to them.

Learned counsel for the respondents very fairly states that in case any representation is filed by the petitioners claiming interest, the same will be dealt in accordance with law and appropriate order will be passed within a period of three months of receiving such representation keeping in view the settled principle of law.

In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioners states that he does not wish to press this writ petition any further.

Disposed of being not pressed.

September 03, 2019

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes*

Whether reportable? *No*