

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

(124)

CWP-24436-2019

Date of Decision: September 05, 2019

Surinder Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though the petitioner retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2016 but no pensionary benefits of the petitioner except the pension and GPF, have been released to him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that there are no proceedings pending against the petitioner, which would entitle the respondents to withhold the pensionary benefits of the petitioner. Counsel for the petitioner further states that even the pension and GPF have been released after a delay for which the petitioner is entitled for interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the respondents immediately to release the pensionary benefits along with interest on the delayed payments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 04.07.2018 (Annexure P-1) 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 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 04.07.2018 (Annexure P-1), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 04.07.2018 (Annexure P-1), 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.

September 05, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No