

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-24929 of 2019

Date of decision: 09.09.2019

Sita Ram and others

.... Petitioners

versus

The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation and another

.... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. A.S. Pannu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. .

Present writ petition has been filed by the petitioners seeking interest on the delayed release of pensionary benefits. Counsel for the petitioners argues that the petitioners retired on various dates starting from year 2012 till 2017 but their retiral benefits were delayed by the respondents for a period of more than two months, which has been held as reasonable time by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab 1997(3) S.C.T. 468** therefore, the petitioners are entitled for interest on the said delayed payments. Counsel prays that a direction needs to be issued to the respondents to grant the benefit of interest on delayed release of pensionary benefits of the petitioners as the delay was solely on account of inaction on the part of the respondents.

Counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which is being claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have submitted the respondents with representation dated 03.07.2019 (Annexure P/7), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners shall

be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said representation.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners, the respondents are directed to decide the representation dated 03.07.2019 (Annexure P/7) 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 petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to them 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 |