

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 27795 of 2019

Date of decision : 26.09.2019

Surinder Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Deepak Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.4.2017 but his retiral benefits were released by the respondents after an inordinate delay starting from February, 2018 onwards till June, 2018 and, therefore, he is entitled for interest on the delayed release of retiral benefits keeping in view the settled principle of law settled by a Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468.**

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the respondents to grant the benefit of interest to the petitioner on the delayed release of payments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has made a

representation dated 27.05.2019 (Annexure P-2) to the respondents, 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 representation.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the representation dated 27.05.2019 (Annexure P-2) 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.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

September 26, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes*
Whether reportable? *No*