

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

(131)

CWP-28568-2019

Date of Decision: October 03, 2019

Lakhi Ram and others

.. Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. R.S. Sangwan, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioners is that though petitioners No. 1 and 2 retired from service on 31.12.2016 and petitioner No.3 retired on 30.11.2016, all the benefits for which, they were entitled, were only released in February, 2017 and therefore, there is a delay of more than two years in releasing the pensionary benefits, for which petitioners are entitled for interest keeping in view the settled principle of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468.**

Learned counsel for the petitioners prays that a direction be issued to the respondents to grant the petitioners the benefit of interest on the amount which has been released after unexplained and undue delay.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have served the respondents with a legal notice dated 10.07.2019 (Annexure P-4) which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners 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 petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the legal notice dated 10.07.2019 (Annexure P-4), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 10.07.2019 (Annexure P-4) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefits after the decision of the legal notice, the same should also be paid to them within three months thereafter.

October 03, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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