

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

(124)

CWP-30444-2019

Date of Decision: October 22, 2019

Jasbir Kaur

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Manmeet Singh Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim raised by the petitioner is that though the petitioner had retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2018 but the GPF amount was only released to the petitioner on 16.04.2019 i.e. after a period of one year, therefore, petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest on the said payment 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 petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the respondents to release the interest in favour of the petitioner forthwith.

Learned counsel for the petitioner 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 20.05.2019 (Annexure P-2) 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 her in the legal notice dated 20.05.2019 (Annexure P-2), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 20.05.2019 (Annexure P-2), 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 her within three months thereafter.

October 22, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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