

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

CWP-33853-2019

Date of decision: - 21.11.2019

Ravinder Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab State Corporation Power Limited and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: - Mr. Sham Lal Bhalla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

The grievance which is being raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition is that though he has already retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2013, but despite the fact that more than six years have elapsed, his General Provident Fund has not been released by the respondents and that too without any valid justification.

Counsel for the petitioner argues that the pensionary benefits are to be released within a reasonable period of two months after the retirement keeping in view the law laid down by a Full Bench of this Court in A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468. Counsel for the petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the respondents to release the General Provident Fund of the petitioner forthwith alongwith interest.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which is being claimed by the petitioner in the present writ petition, petitioner has submitted a representation dated 11.05.2019 (Annexure P-3) 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 or the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the representation dated 11.05.2019 (Annexure P-3) 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.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

November 21, 2019
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Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes
Whether reportable?	No