

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

(139)

CWP No. 35004 of 2019

Date of Decision : 02.12.2019

Ram Pal Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Anil Kumar Saini, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The claim as raised in the present writ petition is that petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2017 but his pensionary benefits were not released as the respondents were proposing to initiate disciplinary proceeding against the petitioner but no disciplinary proceeding was initiated against him and even the explanation sought from the petitioner was found satisfactory by the respondents but the respondents withheld those pensionary benefits till 08.03.2019, when gratuity and the commutation of pension were released to the petitioner. The prayer of the petitioner is that he is entitled for the benefits of interest from 01.06.2017 onwards till March, 2019 as the benefits of the petitioner were withheld by the respondents without any valid justification.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief,

which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 25.10.2019 (Annexure P-11), 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.

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 legal notice dated 25.10.2019 (Annexure P-11) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

December 02, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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