

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-37112-2019

Date of decision: - 19.12.2019

Sajjan Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: - Mr. Surmukh Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2016, but his retiral benefits were released only starting from December, 2017 onwards.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that amount of leave encashment was released to the petitioner on 16.12.2017; amount of GIS was released on 16.07.2018 and the gratuity was released to the petitioner on 09.05.2017 and therefore, as there is unreasonable delay in the release of the pensionary benefits of the petitioner, he is entitled for interest on the delayed payments keeping in view the law laid down by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others**, 1997(3) SCT 468.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which is being claimed by the petitioner in the present writ petition, petitioner has

served the respondents with a legal notice dated 20.12.2018 (Annexure P-1), 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.

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 legal notice dated 20.12.2018 (Annexure P-1) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

December 19, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes
Whether reportable?	No