

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-402 of 2020

Date of decision: 09.01.2020

Joginder Pal

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vikram Bali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner had retired from service after availing two extensions in service on 31.05.2018 but his GPF was released on 01.08.2019 after approximately more than one and a half years and, therefore, keeping in view the law laid down by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab 1997(3) S.C.T. 468**, the petitioner is entitled for interest on the delayed release of GPF amount. Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the respondents to grant the petitioner the benefit of interest on the delayed release of payment of GPF.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which is being claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with legal notice dated 17.11.2019 (Annexure P/1), 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 respondent No.2 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 respondent No.2 is directed to decide legal notice dated 17.11.2019 (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. 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

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| 1. | Whether speaking/non-speaking? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |