

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(111)

CWP No. 1108 of 2020

Date of Decision : 16.01.2020

Sarbjit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner retired from service of the respondent-Corporation on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2019. Learned counsel further states that at the time of the retirement, there were no proceedings either Departmental or before any Competent Court of Law pending against the petitioner, which would entitle the respondents to withhold his pensionary benefits but still the pension and gratuity for which the petitioner is entitled after his retirement, are not being released by the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that there is no valid justification with the respondents to withhold the pension and gratuity of the petitioner and, therefore, prays that a direction be issued to respondent-Corporation to release the pension and gratuity of the petitioner forthwith alongwith interest.

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 06.12.2019 (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 respondent No. 2 to decide the said legal notice by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 06.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) 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.

January 16, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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