

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(111)

CWP No. 2620 of 2020

Date of Decision : 31.01.2020

Veena Rani

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Pawan Kumar Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner retired from service on 30.09.2018 after availing two years extension but her pensionary benefits were released only from November, 2018 onwards and, therefore, petitioner is entitled for interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel further submits that there was no impediment in the release of the pensionary benefits as there were no proceedings either departmental or before any Competent Court of Law pending against the petitioner, which would entitle the respondents to withhold the pensionary benefits of the petitioner.

Prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to consider her claim for the grant of interest keeping in view

the order passed by the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468*.

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 05.11.2019 (Annexure P-5), 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 05.11.2019 (Annexure P-5) 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 31, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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