

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

(108)

CWP No.3716 of 2020

DATE OF DECISION:12.02.2020

Bimal Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Supplies Co. Ltd.

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. J.P. Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim which is being raised by the petitioner is that though the petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2017 but all his pensionary benefits were not released within a reasonable time after his retirement and that too, without any valid justification by the respondent. Therefore, keeping in view the law settled down by the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468*, the petitioner is entitled for interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits.

The prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to the respondent to grant the petitioner, the interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served upon the respondent a legal notice dated 24.12.2019

(Annexure P-6), which is still pending consideration with the respondent and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case, a time bound direction is given to the respondent to decide the legal notice dated 24.12.2019 (Annexure P-6).

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and entitlement of the petitioner in respect of the claim made in the legal notice dated 24.12.2019 (Annexure P-6), the respondent is directed to decide the legal notice dated 24.12.2019 (Annexure P-6) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

February 12, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No