

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-6157 of 2020

Date of decision: 05.03.2020

Gopal Chand

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest on the delayed release of payments of revised pay as well as pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the pay of the petitioner was not correctly fixed w.e.f. 01.01.1996 and the said mistake was corrected by the respondents and arrears have been released to the petitioner after his retirement. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though, the petitioner retired on 30.04.2011 but, his pensionary benefits were not released by the respondents within a reasonable time and, therefore, keeping in view the settled principle of law settled 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 the grant of interest on the payments, which have been released to him after unreasonable delay.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which

has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has submitted representation dated 13.11.2019 (Annexure P/11) with the respondents, which is still pending consideration with them and he will be satisfied, at this stage, in case, a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.3 to decide the said representation.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No.3 is directed to decide the representation dated 13.11.2019 (Annexure P/11) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

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