

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(122)

CWP No. 6939 of 2020

Date of Decision : 17.03.2020

Bhajneek Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. R.K. Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the benefits for which the petitioners were entitled during their service career in August, 2012, were released to them after their retirement in the year 2019 and further even the release of their pensionary benefits was delayed, for which the petitioners needs to be compensated by the grant of interest. The reliance is placed upon the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468*** as well as judgment of a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in ***J.S. Cheema Vs. State of Haryana, 2014(13) RCR (Civil) 355***. The prayer of the petitioners is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to grant them the interest on the delayed release of the benefits including the pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief,

which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioners have served the respondents with a legal notice dated 19.11.2019 (Annexure P-11), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners 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 19.11.2019 (Annexure P-11) 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 petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to them within a period of next three months.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

March 17, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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