

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP No.9026 of 2020
Date of Decision :02.07.2020

Nirmala Devi	versus	Petitioner
State of Punjab and others		Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. Arav Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.
2. Grievance of the petitioner is qua non-release of his retiral benefits despite his having retired on 28.02.2019. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner served legal notice Annexure P/11 dated 25.04.2020, praying for release of retiral benefits along with interest but no decision on the same has been taken so far and that in the circumstances, the petitioner would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as made vide legal notice Annexure P/11 dated 25.04.2020, in accordance with law in a time bound manner.
3. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.
4. Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nso.1 to 3 and states that he has no objection to the limited prayer of the petitioner.

5. Without commenting upon the merits of the controversy or the entitlement of the petitioner to the relief claimed, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as made vide legal notice Annexure P/11 dated 25.04.2020, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible preferably within four weeks from today. In the eventuality of the petitioner being found entitled to the benefits claimed, the same be released to the petitioner within a period of four weeks thereafter. Needless to mention, in case the petitioner is aggrieved by the decision of the respondents, he would be at liberty to seek redress in respect thereto in accordance with law.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

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