

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

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**CWP No.12237 of 2020
Date of decision:19.08.2020**

Rashpal Kaur

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr.Sunny Singla, Advocate with
Ms. Riti Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

This matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

The present writ petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay interest on delayed payments of pensionary benefit @ 18% per annum in view of settled preposition of law, especially as referred in CWP No.28930 of 2017, *Saroj Kumari and others Vs. State of Punjab and others*, decided on 30.08.2019.

At the outset, counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has already approached the respondent and submitted a legal notice dated 15.06.2020 (Annexure P-1), however, the same have not been considered and no response has been received thereto.

Counsel submits that he will be satisfied, if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the legal notice dated 15.06.2020, Annexure P-1, by passing an appropriate speaking order within a specified time frame.

Prayer made by the petitioner is just and reasonable.

Without examining the averments made in the writ petition and the claim raised in the legal notice, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority/respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 15.06.2020, Annexure P-1, within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

19.08.2020

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)

JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No