

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CWP-15494-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 25.9.2020

Prem Savrup Chhabra

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Gitanjali Chhabra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner had joined service with the respondent-Department in the year 1993 and retired on 31.3.2016. It is contended that the petitioner had completed one year of service after grant of last increment, when he retired on 31.3.2016 and as such the next increment was virtually due. Learned counsel has submitted that in these circumstances the petitioner was entitled to a notional increment and that in fact all his retiral dues i.e. pension etc. are also required to be computed after taking into account aforesaid notional increment. Learned counsel places reliance upon a judgment of Division Bench of Madras High Court i.e. judgment dated 15.9.2017 rendered in *P.Ayyamperumal Vs. The Registrar Central*

Administrative Tribunal and others (Annexure P-4) which is stated to have been upheld by Hon'ble Supreme Court. Learned counsel has submitted that although he had served the respondents with a legal notice dated 6.1.2020 (Annexure P-3) but to no avail.

Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting on merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with a direction to State of Punjab through the Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Finance Department (respondent No.1) to look into the matter and to dispose off the legal notice dated 6.1.2020 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law at the earliest, preferably within a period of 3 months from today.

September 25, 2020

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No