

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

**CWP-16810-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:12.10.2020**

Ramjeet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioner who was serving on the post of Assistant Engineer under the Punjab Water Resources Department retired on 31.12.2014 upon attaining the age of superannuation. He thereafter has enjoyed two terms of extensions in service.

Grievance raised in the instant petition is that the benefit of annual increment for the period 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2014 has not been granted to him. Writ of mandamus is sought to direct the respondent/authorities to grant to him the benefit of such annual increment along with arrears and revised pensionary benefits.

Mr. J.S. Jaidka, learned counsel representing the petitioner would contend that a similar claim was raised by one Hardeep Singh in terms of filing CWP-2276-2020 and which was disposed of vide judgment dated 29.01.2020 by a Coordinate Bench directing the respondent/authorities concerned to take a decision on a representation dated 10.08.2018 that had

already been filed by Hardeep Singh. Counsel further asserts that vide order dated 24.09.2020 (Annexure P-5), said Hardeep Singh has been granted the benefit. Petitioner seeks parity of treatment.

At this stage, counsel would submit that a representation dated 09.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) already stands submitted by the petitioner herein and he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to examine the same and to take a decision thereupon within a stipulated time frame.

Submission is found to be just and fair.

Without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without commenting on the merits of the claim, writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the 3rd respondent i.e. the Chief Engineer/RSDC, Department of Water Resources, R.S.D. Project, Shahpur Kandi T/Ship, District Pathankot to examine the representation dated 09.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) and to take a decision thereupon in terms of passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that while taking a final decision, the 3rd respondent would take into account the order dated 29.01.2020 passed by the Coordinate Bench in **CWP-2276-2020 (Hardeep Singh Vs. State of Punjab & others)** as also the office order dated 24.09.2020 (Annexure P-5) which has been passed by the Department in favour of Hardeep Singh.

Disposed of.

12.10.2020

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |