

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.17338 of 2020
Date of Decision: 16.10.2020

Lakhwinder Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

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

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioner seeks the issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondent to grant him an annual increment for completion of service rendered for the period from 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015, and to pay the arrears accruing therefrom with interest @ 18% from the date that the benefit became due.

In respect of his grievance the petitioner is stated to have filed a representation (copy Annexure P-1), on 04.05.2020.

Consequently, without making any comment on the actual merits of the case, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority amongst the respondents to take a decision on the aforesaid representation and to pass a speaking order on it within a period of three month from the date of receipt

of a certified copy of this order, taking into account the law already settled on the issue.

If the grievance of the petitioner is found to be tenable, monetary benefits accruing to him would be released within a period of three months thereafter, alongwith interest at statutory rates or if there are no statutory rates, then @ 6% per annum, running from the date such benefits were due, till the date of payment thereof.

October 16, 2020
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No