

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

**CWP-17300-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.10.2020**

**Gurmail Singh Gill (Retired Assistant Engineer)
 ** **Petitioner**

versus

**The State of Punjab and others
 ** **Respondents**

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

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

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

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

As per pleadings on record petitioner who was working as Assistant Engineer under the Water Resources Department, State of Punjab retired on 31.12.2005 upon attaining the age of superannuation.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that the financial benefit towards annual increment for the period 01.01.2005 to 31.12.2005 has been denied to him.

Counsel contends that a similarly situated employee had approached this Court in terms of filing **CWP-2276-2020 (Hardeep Singh vs. The State of Punjab and another)** and which was disposed of by a Coordinate Bench in terms of order dated 29.01.2020 (Annexure P-4)

directing the respondent-authority to consider the representation that had already been submitted by the petitioner therein. Counsel contends that Hardeep Singh has since been allowed the identical benefit.

Counsel submits that a representation has been preferred by the present petitioner and he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the same within a time bound manner.

Prayer made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.3 to examine the claim of the petitioner in the backdrop of a representation dated 26.04.2020 (Annexure P-1) and to take a decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

16.10. 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No