

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

CWP No.18395 of 2020

Date of Decision:03.11.2020

Mohan Lal Manchanda

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Aman Dhir, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioner claims benefit of five (5) years service towards the total length of qualifying service as per provisions of Rule 4(2) of the Punjab Civil Services Rules (Premature Retirement) Rules, 1975.

It is submitted that financial loss is being caused to the petitioner, who had been permitted voluntary retirement. It is further submitted that despite serving legal notice dated 16.07.2019 (Annexure P-1) and thereafter, representation dated 03.08.2019 (Annexure P-2), no action is being taken by the competent authority in this regard, causing further loss to the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Advance copy of the petition stands served.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a direction to the competent authority to decide his legal notice

dated 16.07.2019 (Annexure P-1), in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide legal notice dated 16.07.2019 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order, within two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, any amount is found due towards the petitioner, the same be released to him within four weeks, thereafter.

03.11.2020

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**[LISA GILL]
Judge**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No.