

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-27932 of 2017

Date of decision: 05.02.2020

Satinder Pal Singh

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. B.S. Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Addl. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Aman Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.3.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioner is for grant of interest on the delayed release of pensionary benefits, keeping in view the decision of the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468.**

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that not only in the case of the petitioner but, in case of other employees as well, the release of pensionary benefits were delayed and similarly situated employees approached this Court by filing CWP No.14263 of 2016 titled as **Vinod Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and others** claiming the same benefit of interest on the delayed release of pensionary benefits. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the said writ petition was allowed by this Court on 19.11.2018,

wherein the employees were held entitled for interest @ 9% per annum on delayed release of pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the respondent-Municipal Council does not dispute the said position and very fairly concedes that there was no valid justification for withholding the pensionary benefits of the petitioner after his retirement and the delay in releasing his pensionary benefits is beyond the reasonable time fixed by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa's case (supra)**. Learned counsel for the respondent-Municipal Council states that he has no objection, if the present writ petition is also disposed of in terms of order passed by this Court in CWP No.14263 of 2016 titled as **Vinod Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and others** decided on 19.11.2018.

Keeping in view the above, the present writ petition is disposed of in terms of order passed by this Court in CWP No.14263 of 2016 titled as **Vinod Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and others** decided on 19.11.2018.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

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2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No