

CWP-945-2021

Date of decision : January 25, 2021

Ajit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Amit Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

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

The petitioner, who retired on 30.04.2018 after serving the department for 38 years, it is submitted, has not received the entire retiral benefits till date. It is submitted that all the relevant papers had been duly submitted by the petitioner well within time. No inquiry etc. is pending against the petitioner, who is stated to have an unblemished service record. Though pension has been released, other retiral benefits like gratuity, leave encashment etc. have not been released. It is submitted that legal notice dated 04.01.2021 (Annexure P1) was also served upon the Department but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a direction that legal notice dated 04.01.2021 (Annexure P1), be decided by the authorities in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent - State. He does not raise any objection to the limited prayer addressed.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide legal notice dated 04.01.2021 (Annexure P1), within a period of one month from receipt of certified copy of this order by passing a speaking order. Needless to say, retiral dues as found due to the petitioner, be released to him within three weeks thereafter.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

January 25, 2021
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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