

DATE OF DECISION : 22.01.2021

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

Present : Mr. PeeushGagneja, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abhishek Sanghi, Advocate,
for respondent No.3.
(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein is under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the pending dues of petitioner on account of his medical reimbursement bills.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner caused issuance of a legal notice dated 26.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) but to no avail. Hence, the instant petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits grievance that he would be satisfied, at this stage, if a final decision is taken by the competent authority on the legal notice dated 26.10.2020 (Annexure P-2).

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Nikhil Chopra, AAG, Punjab and Mr. Abhishek Sanghi, Advocate, who have joined proceedings on service of advance copy of this petition accept notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab and respondent No.3 respectively.

6. Given the nature of order being passed, there is no necessity to seek return by any of the respondents, as no further proceedings and/or pleadings are required.

7. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to look into the grievance of the petitioner as per legal notice dated 26.10.2020 (Annexure P-2) and also by keeping in view the contentions stated in the present petition by treating the same as supplementary representation and decide the same by passing a speaking order, in accordance with law.

8. Let the needful be done within a period of 4 weeks from today.

9. In case petitioner is found entitled to the dues as per legal notice, the same shall be disbursed to the petitioner within four weeks of passing of aforesaid order, failing which, the erring official shall be personally responsible to pay penal interest @ 15% per annum on the delay in disbursement.

10. Disposed of accordingly.

January 22, 2021
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No