

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

CWP No.2354 of 2021 (O&M)

DATE OF DECISION: 16.02.2021

Lakhvir Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and others

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioners

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ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral):

Heard through video conferencing.

The present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay the unpaid retiral benefits such as Gratuity, Leave Encashment and Furlough Leave, Pension and Commutation of Pension along with 9% per annum interest on delayed payment of retiral benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that the petitioners have served Legal Notices dated 08.01.2021 (Annexures P-6 and P-7) in this regard. However, no action has been taken on the same. The learned counsel would further contend that at this stage he limits his prayer and would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to take a decision on the Legal Notices dated 08.01.2021 (Annexures P-6 and P-7) in accordance with law in a time-bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr.Ajaivir Singh, Advocate has joined the session through video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 to take a decision on the Legal Notices dated 08.01.2021 (Annexures P-6 and P-7) by passing a speaking order in accordance with law expeditiously and, in any case, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and in case the petitioners are found entitled to the benefits, as claimed, the same may be released to them within a period of two months thereafter.

Disposed off.

**(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO