

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

CWP No.9159 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of decision:28.04.2021

Surjit Singh

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, 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.

Prayer in this writ petition is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to consider representation dated 09.01.2018 (Annexure P-3) moved by the petitioner.

Petitioner, it is stated had retired on 31.12.2014 as Senior Assistant from the Irrigation Department, Government of Punjab. It is submitted that a sum of Rs.1,52,163/- was deducted from the gratuity payable to him without as much as even an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. The petitioner, it is stated kept on representing to the respondent-authorities, but to no avail. There is no explanation in this writ petition regarding delay on part of the petitioner since in the year 2015 except to say that the petitioner has been representing before the authorities all along. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision of representation

dated 09.01.2018, Annexure P-3, filed by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Advance copy of writ petition stand supplied.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State has not raised any objection to the limited prayer addressed and submits that representation dated 09.01.2018, moved by the petitioner shall be decided expeditiously.

Keeping in view the facts, circumstances of the case and the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case including laches if any, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide representation dated 09.01.2018, Annexure P-3, filed by the petitioner by passing a speaking order, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

April 28, 2021
rekha sharma

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No