

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.8105 of 2021

Date of Decision: 09.04.2021

Ram Kumar and others

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. S.K. Malik, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

Prayer in the present petition under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant interest at the rate of 18% per annum on delayed arrears of revised pension and pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that in this regard a legal notice dated 16.02.2021 (Annexure P-13) was sent to respondent no.2, however, no action/decision has been taken upon the same. Learned counsel for the petitioners limits his prayer in the present petition and states that he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent no.2 - Commissioner, Excise and Taxation Department, Haryana - to take a decision on the legal notice dated 16.02.2021 (Annexure P-13) in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Narinder Singh Behgal, AAG Haryana, who has joined the session through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting on the merits of the case or on the entitlement of the petitioners, the present writ petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent no.2 - Commissioner, Excise and Taxation Department, Haryana - to take a decision on the legal notice dated 16.02.2021 (Annexure P-13), in accordance with law, expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed off accordingly.

**(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE**

**9th April, 2021
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NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO