

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

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CWP-10372-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 27.05.2021

NATHU RAM

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present : Mr. Puneet K. Bansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (Oral)

The hearing of the case was held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

The petitioner claims to have retired from the services of respondent No.3-Municipal Council, Ferozepur City, on 31.05.2020. He prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release gratuity, leave encashment, provident fund and other benefits. It is claimed that no departmental inquiry is pending against him.

The petitioner is stated to have sent a demand notice (Annexure P1) on 31.03.2021, however, there is no response.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and without commenting on merits, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.3 to decide the demand notice dated 31.03.2021 within a period of two months from the

date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. If the petitioner is found

entitled to the benefits claimed, the same shall be released within a period of one month thereafter. However, if the claim of the petitioner is to be rejected, a speaking order shall be passed after grant of an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of.

27.05.2021

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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