

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

CWP 15106 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 26, 2021

Madan Lal and others ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Sumit Saddi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioners have come up in this civil writ petition under articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release interest @ 8% per annum on the delayed payments of arrears of salary/retirement benefits of the petitioners which were due to be paid in August 2012, for which, legal notice dated 20.12.2020 (Annexure P-6) has also been served upon the respondent-authorities.

Heard.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 and 2. Let copy of paper book be supplied to him.

In the light of oral submissions of the petitioner's side the directions are issued to the respondent authorities to duly consider legal notice dated 20.12.2020 (Annexure P-6) as representation of the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law by passing a speaking order, preferably, within a period of one month from the date of passing of this order.

If the petitioners are held entitled for so claimed relief and there is no impediment for granting the same, the relief be released to them without any delay as per law.

Disposed off.

August 26, 2021
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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

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