

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-15079-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.08.2021

Pritpal Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

PSPCL & Anr.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Kanwaljeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Advocate for the respondents

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioner has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* seeking a direction to the respondents to grant him annual increment on completion of one year service on the date of retirement and further to revise the pension and retiral benefits in accordance with law.

Reliance has been placed on the judgment of Madras High Court rendered in **WP No.15732 of 2017 (P.Ayyamperumal vs. The Registrar, Central Administrative Tribunal & Ors.)** decided on 15.09.2017 which has attained finality before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, to submit that benefit so claimed already stands extended to similarly situated employees.

Learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioner has got served a legal notice dated 17.05.2021 (P5) upon the respondents but its response is still awaited.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents, through video conferencing.

At this stage, learned counsel makes a request that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the legal notice in a time bound manner.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as contained in the legal notice (P5) by passing a speaking order within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case the petitioner is found entitled on merits to the claim as raised in the legal notice, the same be disbursed within one month from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

09.08.2021

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No