

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

CWP 16570 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 26, 2021

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Narinder Pal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for respondents No. 1 to 5.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioner has 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 payment of leave encashment and balance amount of gratuity withheld without any lawful justification alongwith interest @ 18% per annum, for which, legal notice dated 15.07.2021 (Annexure P-7) 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 to 5. 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 15.07.2021 (Annexure P-7) as representation of petitioner 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 petitioner is held entitled for so claimed relief and there is no impediment for granting the same, the relief be released to him 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