

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

CWP 19466 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: September 27, 2021

Babu Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Sharwan Sehgal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab.

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 consider the option exercised by him for pension as a valid option as the same has been exercised on the basis of letter issued by the Punjab government vide endorsement No. 34583-607 dated 14.11.2011 (Annexure P-4) and to release his

pension from the date of his retirement alongwith arrears and interest @ 18% per annum, for which, legal notice dated 06.04.2021 (Annexure P-10) has also been served upon the respondent authorities.

Heard. Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Let copy of the paper book be supplied to her.

Upon hearing learned counsel for the petitioner side, the directions are issued to the respondent authorities to duly consider the legal notice dated 06.04.2021 (Annexure P-10) as representation of the 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.

September 27, 2021

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(FATEH DEEP SINGH)

JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No