

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.18981 of 2021

Date of Decision: 30.09.2021

Navpreet Kaur Gill

... Petitioner

VS.

Punjabi University Patiala and Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Dixit Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashish Verma, 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.

Petitioner-Navpreet Kaur, stated to be aged 55 years, has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer for directing the respondents-University to revive and continue/allot GPF (General Provident Fund) Account Number to the petitioner so as to make eligible for the old pension scheme since the petitioner was appointed to the relevant cut off date i.e.09.07.2012, along with other relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the same/similar grievance the petitioner had got served a legal notice upon respondents-University on dated 07.09.2021 (Annexure P-17), but its response is still awaited.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ashish Verma, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of all 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/respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as contained in the legal notice (P17) by passing a speaking order within four 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.

30.09.2021

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

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

Yes/No
Yes/No