

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No. 19729 of 2020
Date of decision: 05.04.2021

Nehru Lal

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. R.S. Manhas, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

*[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court on account of
restrictions due to COVID-19).]*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Nehru Lal, stated to be aged 61 years, has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to release the General Provident Fund along with interest @ 18% p.a. from the date of retirement of the petitioner till the date of payment.

Records of the case show that this Court on 23.11.2020, has passed the following order which is reproduced as under:-

“Counsel for the petitioner inter alia contends that the petitioner retired on superannuation w.e.f 30.04.2019 but amount standing to his credit in his GPF account amounting to Rs.7,92,853/- has not been paid to him though he was granted pension and paid gratuity.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and prays for a week's time to

seek instructions in the matter.

Counsel for the respondents is directed that in case there is no legal hitch, the authorities would ensure that amount of GPF standing to credit of the petitioner is released before the next date of hearing.

Adjourned to 02.12.2020.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Mandeep Thakur, Assistant Controller, office of Ranjit Sagar Dam Project, Shahpurkandi Township, District Pathankot, submits that the substantial relief has already been granted to the petitioner and on 22.02.2021, an amount of Rs.7,92,853/- has been released. He then submits that no further orders are called for.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of as having become infructuous.

It is further made clear that in case, some of the grievances is still left, the petitioner after verification is at liberty to file a representation to the respondents. In case, such a representation is made, the same shall be decided by the Authority within two months therefrom.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

05.04.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No