IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.21038 of 2020
Date of decision: 13.01.2021

Tirath Ram **.....Petitioner**

Vs.

State of Punjab and ors **....Respondents**

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Rajeev Dev Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, Asst. A.G., Punjab.
(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court).

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GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner – Tirath Ram, stated to be aged 62 years, has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to pay the complete retiral benefits such as General Provident Fund with complete arrears, with a further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was appointed as Driver on 28.03.1981 and he has retired as such on 03.04.2019. Learned counsel further submits that grievance of the petitioner is that he had not been paid the complete amount of GPF along with complete arrears for the period from 28.03.1981 to 31.07.1989. Petitioner has also prayed for interest on the delayed payments.

Records of the case show that on 08.12.2020, notice of motion was issued.

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Today on resumed hearing of the case, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied in case, a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioner and in case, he is found entitled, the amount shall be disbursed to him, within a time bound period.

Without commenting on the merits of case, legal notice dated 20.08.2020 (Annexure P-2 submitted on behalf of the petitioner), be decided by the Competent Authority, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of *two months* from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

It is further directed that in case, the petitioner is found entitled to such benefits by the Competent Authority, the same be released to him within a period of *one month* thereof.

Accordingly, the present writ petition stands disposed of.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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

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