

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

CWP 23473 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: November 18, 2021

Rajinder Kumar Sharma and others ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present : Mr. Gurjinder Singh Chahal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioners have 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 pay interest @ 24% per annum on the delayed payments alongwith release of the principal amount of pension, gratuity, leave encashment, GIS and GP fund, commutation of pension and other retiral benefits, for which, legal notice dated 02.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) has also been served upon the respondent-authorities.

Heard.

Upon hearing learned counsel for the petitioners, the directions are issued to the respondent-authorities to duly consider the legal notice dated 02.09.2021 (Annexure P-1) as representation of the petitioners 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 petitioners are held entitled for so claimed relief and there is no impediment for granting the same, the relief be released to them without any delay as per law.

Disposed off.

November 18, 2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No