

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

CWP-236-2022

Date of decision: 10.01.2022

Arjan Dev and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. M.S. Uppal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioners have invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* for issuance of directions to the respondents to grant interest on delayed payment of retiral benefits @ 18% per annum from the date due till payment in light of Full Bench Judgment of this Hon'ble Court i.e. A.S. Randhawa versus State of Punjab, 1997 (3) SCT 468.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State. Copy supplied.

Heard.

Upon hearing learned counsel of both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to the official respondents to consider the representations dated 25.11.2017 and 09.06.2021 (Annexures P-2 & P-3, respectively) and legal notice dated 20.06.2021 (Annexure P-5) as representation moved by 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 receipt of the certified copy of this order.

If found entitled and if there is no impediment for the relief, the same be granted to the petitioners without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

10.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No