

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

**CWP No.5585 of 2022  
Date of Decision:-21.03.2022**

Pairu Ram

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present:- Mr. Fariad Singh Virk, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

**(Proceedings conducted through video conferencing)**

**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J.(Oral)**

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner had worked as Work Mistri from 27.2.1965 to 18.12.1975 in the Bias Dam Project, Talwara whereafter, the petitioner was engaged for the work of construction of Ranjit Sagar Dam Project Shahpur Kandi, from where the petitioner retired on 31.5.1998.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the period of services rendered by the petitioner from 27.2.1965 to 18.12.1975 has not been taken into account as qualifying service for calculating pensionary benefits to the petitioner, which is contrary to the provisions of rules governing the said issue.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the

grievance, as has been raised in the present writ petition, has also been raised in the legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P-9), which is still pending consideration with the respondents authorities and the petitioner will be satisfied in case direction is given to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P-9) in a time bound manner as the grievance, which has been raised in the petition, has also been raised in the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents and raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P-9) in a time bound manner.

Without going into the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition or in the legal notice, the respondent No.2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P-9) within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, after the decision, the petitioner is found entitled for any benefits, the same be also extended to him within a period of next four weeks.

March 21, 2022  
Vijay Asija

( HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned  
Whether Reportable

Yes / No  
Yes / No