

**118 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-7106-2022

Date of Decision: 05.04.2022

Ram Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Dixit Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the petitioners were the employees of the respondent-Punjabi University, Patiala. Though, petitioner No.1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 retired on 30.09.2021, 30.04.2021, 31.10.2021, 31.12.2021, 30.11.2021 and 31.12.2021, respectively, but still their pensionary benefits have not been released to them so far, despite the fact that there is no impediment in releasing of the said pensionary benefits to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the petitioners are entitled for the grant of pensionary benefits within a period of two months from the date of their retirements, in case there is no impediment keeping in view the judgment passed by the Full Bench of this Court in **“A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others”, 1997(3) SCT 468**, and therefore, respondents are liable to be directed to relase the pensionary benefits of the petitioners forthwith along with the interest keeping in view the settled principle of law as laid down by the Full Bench of this Court in

the judgment passed in **A.S. Randhawa's case** (supra).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have also raised the same grievance before respondent No.2 by serving legal notice dated 25.03.2022 (Annexure P-8), which is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned and the petitioners will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to respondent No.2 to decide the said legal notice dated 25.03.2022, by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Gaurav Kalsi, Advocate, appears on behalf of Mr. H.S. Batth, Advocate, and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He raises no objection, in case prayer made hereinbefore on behalf of the petitioners for deciding the legal notice dated 25.03.2022 (Annexure P-8) in a time bound manner is accepted.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and without going into merits of the claim as raised by the petitioners in the present case as well as in the legal notice dated 25.03.2022, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the legal notice dated 25.03.2022 (Annexure P-8), filed by the petitioners, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. In case, the petitioners are found entitled for any benefit, the same be also released in their favour within a period of four weeks thereafter.

05.04.2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
2. Whether reportable : No