

**CWP No.8817 of 2022
Date of Decision : 28.04.2022**

Ranjit Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. K.P.S.Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that in the present case, prayer of the petitioner is that she retired as Head Teacher on 30.04.2018 but the pensionary benefits were not released to her within a reasonable time as envisaged in the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468*, and therefore, the petitioner is entitled for grant of interest on the delay of pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the said grievance has already been raised by the petitioner in her representation dated 22.06.2019 (Annexure P-3) which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage in case a time bound direction is given to respondent No.2 to decide the said representation dated 22.06.2019 (Annexure P-3) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection in deciding the representation dated 22.06.2019 (Annexure P-3) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by her in the representation dated 22.06.2019 (Annexure P-3), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 22.06.2019 (Annexure P-3) within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any benefits after the decision of the representation, the same should also be paid to the petitioner within four weeks thereafter.

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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