

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

**CWP No.8436 of 2022**

**Date of decision : 25.04.2022**

**Dr. Spall Kaur Nirmal Goyal**

**..... Petitioner**

**versus**

**The Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala and Anr.**

**..... Respondents**

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

Present :- Mr. Mukesh Arora, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though, the petitioner has already retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2021 but, his retiral/pensionary benefits are not being released to him by the respondents and that too without any valid justification. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that as per the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997 (3) RAJ 318*, in case, there is no impediment in the release of the retiral/pensionary benefits, the same is to be released within a period of two months from the date of retirement, failing which, the employees are to be entitled for interest on grant of benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in the present case more than five months has elapsed since the petitioner has retired and therefore, the respondents may kindly be directed to release all the pensionary benefits of the petitioners without any further delay.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already raised the said grievance before the respondents by served a

legal notice dated 14.03.2022 (Annexure P/4), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the said legal notice through an appropriate speaking order .

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl. A.G, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 14.03.2022(Annexure P/4) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in legal notice dated 14.03.2022 (Annexure P/4), respondent No.2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 14.03.2022 (Annexure P/4) by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

( HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI )  
JUDGE

25.04.2022

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | : Yes |
| Whether Reportable        | : No  |