

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(138)

CWP-8129-2022

Date of Decision : April 21, 2022

Kashmir Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Inderjit Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner has retired from service on 31.01.2021 and despite the fact that more than one year has already elapsed, the amount of gratuity for which the petitioner is entitled for have not been released by the respondents so far and that too without any valid justification.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there are no proceedings either departmental or criminal which are pending against the petitioner, which will give jurisdiction to the respondents to withhold the gratuity amount of the petitioner and therefore, appropriate direction be issued to the respondents to release the gratuity amount along with interest forthwith.

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

filing representation dated 10.11.2021 (Annexure P-5) which is still pending consideration with respondent No.4 and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 4 to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, learned Deputy Advocate General, 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 10.11.2021 (Annexure P-5) 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 him in the representation dated 10.11.2021 (Annexure P-5), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to decide the representation dated 10.11.2021 (Annexure P-5) within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

April 21, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No