

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(126)

CWP No. 10193 of 2022

Date of Decision : 13.05.2022

Mehtab Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

The Haryana State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation and
another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Suresh Ahlawat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that in the present case, the petitioner retired on 31.12.2011 whereas, the payments due to the petitioner on account of retirement were released starting from October, 2013 onwards till February, 2019 and, therefore, keeping in view the settled principle of law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468**, petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even as of now, the full leave encashment has not been extended to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has already raised the said grievance in the representation dated 14.01.2019 (Annexure P-4), which is still pending consideration with the respondents

and petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a direction is issued to respondent No. 1 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Raman Kumar Sharma, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and raises no objection in deciding the representation dated 14.01.2019 (Annexure P-4) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the pleadings in the present petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the representation, respondent No. 1 is directed to decide the representation dated 14.01.2019 (Annexure P-4), by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order. In case, after the decision of the claim of the petitioner, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for the monetary benefits, the same should also be paid to the petitioner within a period of four weeks thereafter.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

May 13, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

<i>Whether reasoned/speaking?</i>	√ <i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable?</i>	√ <i>Yes/No</i>