

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(107)

CWP No. 19398 of 2021

Date of decision : 25.03.2022

Rattan Chand

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though the petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 24.10.2017 but, the pensionary benefits admissible to him were not extended to him within a reasonable period, therefore, he is entitled for interest on the delayed release of retiral benefits keeping in view the settled principle of law settled by a Full Bench of this Court in **A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468.**

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that a direction be issued to the respondents to grant the benefit of interest to the petitioner on the delayed release of payments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief,

which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has filed a

representation dated 28.03.2019 (Annexure P-1) with the respondents, 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 the respondents to decide the said representation.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and raises no objection for the grant of prayer as made in the representation dated 28.03.2019 (Annexure P-1).

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 3 is directed to decide the representation dated 28.03.2019 (Annexure P-1) by passing an appropriate speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a certified 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 four weeks thereafter.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

March 25, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes/No

Whether reportable? Yes/No