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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: 31.05.2022

Lakhvir Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Dixit Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that as the pensionary benefits of the petitioners were released to them by the respondents after a delay of stipulated period of two months, therefore, the petitioners have become entitled for the grant of interest on the said delayed release of the pensionary benefits to them by the respondents keeping in view the settled principle of law laid down by the Full Bench of this Court, while passing judgment in “A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others”, 1997(3) SCT 468, hence the respondents may kindly be directed to grant the benefit of said interest to the petitioners forthwith.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the same grievance has also been raised by the petitioners before the respondents by serving legal notice dated 18.05.2022 (Annexure P-5), which is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned and the petitioners will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to respondent

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No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 18.05.2022, by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and without going into merits of the claim as raised by the petitioners in the present case as well as in the legal notice dated 18.05.2022 (Annexure P-5), this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the legal notice dated 18.05.2022 (Annexure P-5), filed by the petitioners, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.

31.05.2022

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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No