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

CWP-13155-2022

Date of Decision: 04.07.2022

Baljit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vijay Kumar Syal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

In the present petition, prayer of the petitioner is for the grant of interest on the delayed release of pensionary benefits to him by the respondent-Department.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though the petitioner had retired from the services of the respondent-Department on 31.03.2021, but the payment with regard to the pensionary benefits, for which he became entitled for upon his retirement, was released to him in April, 2022 by the respondent-Department, and therefore, the petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest on the said delayed release of pensionary benefits to him by the respondent-Department.

Mr. Amitoj Singh Dhaliwal, DAG, Punjab, keeping in view the advance service of the copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the State and submits that in the present case, the petitioner has not approached the respondent-Department with regard to the claim as raised in the present

petition, which act of the petitioner is not maintainable in the eyes of law as

the employee has to first agitate his/her claim before the authorities concerned before approaching this Court. Learned State counsel further submits that in case, any representation is filed by the petitioner raising the grievance, as raised in the present petition, before the respondent-Department, the same will be considered in accordance with law and an appropriate speaking order will be passed by the authorities concerned within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of such representation.

Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he may kindly be permitted to withdraw the present petition with liberty to the petitioner to approach the respondent-Department by filing an appropriate representation with regard to the grant of interest on the delayed release of pensionary benefits to him by the respondent-Department.

Ordered accordingly.

04.07.2022*Apurva***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

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