

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(120)

CWP-14165-2022

Date of Decision : July 07, 2022

Balwinder Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the retiral benefits were released to the petitioner after a delay. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner retired from service on 30.09.2021 but the retiral benefits were released to the petitioner in January, 2022 and keeping in view the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468*, the petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest as there was no impediment in the release of the pensionary benefits and the pensionary benefits were delayed by the respondents themselves.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has raised the said grievance before the respondents by serving upon them a legal notice dated 13.06.2022 (Annexure P-3) 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 legal notice dated 13.06.2022 (Annexure P-3) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, 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 legal notice of the petitioner 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 legal notice dated 13.06.2022 (Annexure P-3), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 13.06.2022 (Annexure P-3) within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for the monetary benefits after the decision of the legal notice, the same should also be paid to the petitioner within four weeks thereafter.

**July 07, 2022**

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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**

**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No