

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 14849 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:14.07.2022

Avtar Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr.Rahul Bhargava, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

Prayer in this writ petition is for a direction to the respondents to release all the retiral/ pensionary benefits of the petitioner viz., gratuity amount, interest on gratuity amount, leave encashment etc., along with interest from the date said benefits became due.

It is submitted that petitioner had joined the respondent- Department of Municipal Council, Majitha in 1989 as Clerk and thereafter he was sent on deputation with the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board in March 2015 and he ultimately retired on 31.12.2021. It is further submitted that pension paper of the petitioner, who has an unblemished carrer of about thirty three years were submitted well within time, but retiral benefits have not been released. Petitioner, it is stated approached the authorities several times to release the pensionary benefits due to him and

legal notice dated 31.05.2022, Annexure P-1, in this regard, was also served upon the respondents, but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a decision on legal notice dated 31.05.2022 (Annexure P-1), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served. Learned counsel for the State does not raise any serious objection to the restricted prayer addressed.

Keeping in view the limited prayer addressed, facts and circumstances of the case but without expressing any opinion on the merits thereof, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide legal notice dated 31.05.2022, Annexure P-1 filed by the petitioner by passing a speaking order, within three (03) months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, petitioner is found entitled to any monetary benefit, same be released to him in accordance with law within the next six weeks.

14.07.2022

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[LISA GILL]

Judge

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