

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(173)

CWP-21539-2022

Date of Decision : September 19, 2022

Phooli Devi

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. S.N. Pillania, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2016 whereas, the pensionary benefits were released to the petitioner in the year 2021, hence, the petitioner is entitled for the grant of interest on the said delayed release of the pensionary benefits 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*.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already raised the said grievance before the respondents by serving upon them a legal notice dated 04.07.2022 (Annexure P-2), 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 respondent

No.2 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Harish Nain, learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana, 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 her in the legal notice dated 04.07.2022 (Annexure P-2), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 04.07.2022 (Annexure P-2) 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.

September 19, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No