

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

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CWP No.21663 of 2022

Date of decision: 20.09.2022

Shiv Rattan Kumar

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Lovish Dhiman, Advocate for the petitioner.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

At the outset, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner restricts his prayer for deciding the representations dated 05.04.2021, 03.05.2021, 26.05.2021, 15.06.2021, 21.09.2021 and 12.10.2021 (Annexures P-2 to P-7). It is further submitted that the present petition be also considered as a composite representation. He would submit that petitioner would be satisfied, at this stage, if the aforesaid representations including the claim made in the present petition are decided by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner. It is further submitted that the claim of the petitioner has to be decided by the second respondent i.e. Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab. Reliance is also placed on the law settled by the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997 (3) SCT 468*, and other judgments following the said ratio.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the

respondents and waives service. She would submit that the said respondent

would look into the matter and the competent authority will take a decision on the representations of the petitioner as also the claim raised in the present petition in accordance with law, within the stipulated time.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion or going into the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition or in the representations, respondent No.2/Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the present petition/representations dated 05.04.2021, 03.05.2021, 26.05.2021, 15.06.2021, 21.09.2021 and 12.10.2021 (Annexures P-2 to P-7), as well as the claim for interest on delayed payment of arrears, in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that in case, after the decision, petitioner is found entitled for any benefits, the same be paid to him within a period of four weeks thereafter, as per law.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

September 20, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No