

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

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CWP No.26125 of 2022

Date of decision: 16.11.2022

Sohan Lal

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Peeush Gagneja, Advocate for the petitioner.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the relief claimed in the present petition, legal notice dated 04.10.2022 (Annexure P-3) was served upon the respondents, which is still pending consideration with the authorities. He further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case it is directed that said legal notice be decided by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner. It is averred in the petition that the petitioner after attaining the age of superannuation, retired on 31.07.2022 from Municipal Corporation, Abohar and only an amount of Rs.2,70,000/- was released to him from service-cum-retirement dues that are payable.

Notice of motion to that limited extent.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and waives service. She submits that the respondent No.3/ Competent Authority will look into the matter and will take a decision on the claim made in the legal notice served on behalf of the petitioner, in accordance with law, within the stipulated time.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Keeping in view the restricted prayer made and the submissions noticed above, 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 legal notice, respondent No.3/Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 04.10.2022 (Annexure P-3), in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of eight 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

November 16, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No