

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

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CWP No.28376 of 2022
Date of decision: 09.12.2022

Amarjit Kumar

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he restricts his prayer seeking a decision on the representations dated 12.09.2022 and 14.10.2022, Annexures P-2 and P-3, respectively.

It is submitted that after attaining the age of superannuation, the petitioner retired on 30.04.2022 from the post of Junior Assistant with Nagar Panchayat, Cheema, District Sangrur. As per service rules, petitioner was entitled to all terminal benefits on the date of his retirement. In that regard, petitioner made a representation dated 12.09.2022 (Annexure P-2) to the fourth respondent and an amount of Rs.30,000/- was paid to him on 04.10.2022. Thereafter, the petitioner once again represented for release of the balance retiral dues vide representation dated 14.10.2022 (Annexure P-3) but to no avail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is also entitled to interest on delayed payment of arrears of his retiral dues in

view of the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab and others***, 1997(3) SCT 468 (FB).

No departmental proceedings were or are pending against the petitioner and there is no impediment for the release of terminal benefits.

Heard.

Keeping in view the restricted prayer and the nature of relief sought, 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, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4/Competent Authority to consider the claim made in the representations dated 12.09.2022 (Annexure P-2) and 14.10.2022 (Annexure P-3), 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

December 09, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No