

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

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**CWP-394 of 2023
Date of Decision: 10.01.2023**

Azad Singh

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. APS Sidhu, Advocate, for
Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondent No. 4 to pay the interest at the rate of 18% per annum on the delayed payment of retiral benefits of the petitioner. He submitted that the legal notice dated 26.07.2021 has been given to the concerned authorities vide Annexure P-1, but the same has not been considered or decided as yet.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 and Ms. Deepali Puri, Advocate who is present in Court has caused appearance on behalf of respondent No. 4-Municipal Council, Tapa, District Barnala and have stated that they have no objection in case the legal notice Annexure P-1 issued by the petitioner is considered and decided by the competent authority, i.e. the Municipal Council in accordance with law.

In view of the aforesaid position, this Court deems it fit and proper to dispose of the present petition without calling for reply from the Municipal Council or any other authority since the prayer is made only for deciding of the legal notice. Therefore, without observing anything on the merits of the case, respondent No.4 is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 26.07.2021 (Annexure P-1) strictly in accordance with law by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from today.

The present petition stands disposed of.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

January 10, 2023
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No