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

CWP-9612-2023

Date of Decision: 05.05.2023

Shaminder Pal

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Lalit Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* for directing the respondents to grant interest on the delayed payments of the service benefits @18% p.a.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had retired as Peon from the respondent-Department on 30.09.2020 and all the retiral benefits have been paid to the petitioner after a delay. He further submitted that the petitioner has filed a representation vide Annexure P-4 dated 10.03.2023, but neither any reply has been filed by the respondents nor the same has been considered and decided by the concerned authority. He also submitted that at this stage the petitioner will be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation filed by the petitioner vide Annexure P-4 in accordance

with law within a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Ms. Akshita Chauhan, learned DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents/State.
5. Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate for Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate has caused appearance on behalf of respondent No.3 and has stated that he has no objection in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 for considering and deciding the representation filed by the petitioner vide Annexure P-4 in accordance with law and within a time framework.
6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.
7. In view of the aforesaid position and without observing anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation filed by the petitioner vide Annexure P-4 dated 10.03.2023 in accordance with law by passing a well-reasoned speaking order within a period of three months from today.
8. Needless to say that in case the petitioner is found to be entitled for interest, then the same shall be released to him @ 6% p.a. within a period of two months thereafter.

05.05.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |