

**CWP-24449-2023**

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**2023:PHHC:146591**

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

**CWP-24449-2023**

**Date of decision: 16.11.2023**

**Inderjit Singh**

**.....Petitioner**

**V/s**

**The Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Nabha Road, District Patiala**

**.....Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Ms. Anamika Sheoran, Advocate for  
Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)**

The instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 12% on account of delay in payment of retiral benefits etc., and also pay the sum of Rs.1,23,000/- along with interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was appointed as a Conductor in the respondent-Corporation on 02.01.1975. The petitioner retired from service on 30.04.2011 as Sub-Inspector. He was paid Gratuity and Leave Encashment on 18.06.2012 and GP Fund was paid to him on 28.05.2015. Since, there was a huge delay in paying the retiral benefits to the petitioner, he served a legal notice dated 12.07.2021 (Annexure P-3) for payment of interest on delayed payment of retiral benefits. Thereafter also, the petitioner has been approaching the office of the respondents and the petitioner received a letter dated 19.06.2023 sent by Accounts Officer, PRTC Faridkot pointing out that bill regarding Rs.1,23,000- had been sent to the Head Office on 25.02.2022 but

the fund has not been received. Learned counsel further contends that the petitioner has also submitted reply-cum-representation dated 27.06.2023 (Annexure P-5) to respondents, which has not been taken into consideration till date and the petitioner would be satisfied if necessary directions are given for deciding the representation in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Rakesh Roy, Advocate for Mr.Abhilaksh Gaind, Advocate has put in appearance in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

In view of the pleadings in the present petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the reply-cum-representation dated 27.06.2023 (Annexure P-5), respondent No.2 is directed to decide the aforesaid representation by passing a speaking order within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order with a further direction that if the petitioner is found to be entitled to the claim mentioned in the abovesaid representation, necessary disbursement of funds shall be made to the petitioner within a period of 8 weeks thereafter.

The petition stands disposed of.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)  
JUDGE

16.11.2023  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |