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

CWP-14355-2023

Date of decision: 27.07.2023

JIA LAL

...Petitioner

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Puneet Kumar Bansal, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay interest on delayed deposit of amount of Provident Fund from the date the said amount was deducted every month from the salary till the date of retirement and further praying for release of Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Provident Fund (alongwith interest as aforesaid) and interest on late release of retiral benefits @ 18% per annum.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner limits his prayer to the effect that petitioner has served a Legal Notice dated 08.05.2023 (Annexure P-1) to respondents, which has not been taken into consideration so far and he would be satisfied if the said legal notice is directed to be decided in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Ajit Singh Natt, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1 and 2 and Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Advocate has put in appearance, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 3 and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. In view of the above and with the consent of both the parties the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No. 3 to decide the legal notice dated 08.05.2023 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner 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 claim mentioned in his representation, necessary disbursement of funds shall be made to the petitioner within a period of 8 weeks from the date of decision of the said legal notice.

27.07.2023

Ajay Goswami

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No