

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH
Sr. No.: 119

Civil Writ Petition No.15778 of 2023
Date of Decision: July 25, 2023

Satish Kumar Mittal

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

..... RESPONDENT(S)

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CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA**

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PRESENT: - Mr. S.S. Dinarpur, Advocate for Mr. Lalit Rishi,
Advocate for the petitioner.

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Tribhuvan Dahiya, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing the order dated 18.05.2023 (Annexure P-6) vide which the petitioner's demand for interest on delayed payment of retiral/pensionary benefits has been declined.

2. Undisputedly, the petitioner retired from service on 31.03.2020, and submitted claim for grant of retiral benefits on 16.01.2020. All the benefits were released to him between 06.08.2020 to 17.08.2020. Besides, the impugned order dated 18.05.2023, rejecting the petitioner's claim has been passed on the premise that he should have submitted the claim for retiral benefits at least six months prior to retirement, which was not done.

3. The facts aforesaid make it apparent that there is no delay on the part of the respondents in releasing the due benefits to the petitioner.

This Court is not oblivious of the fact that at the time of submission of the

claim as well as release of the benefits thereupon, there was COVID-19 pandemic leading to restricted working of the Departments in question also.

- 4. In view thereof, there is no ground to entertain the petition.
- 5. Dismissed.

(Tribhuvan Dahiya)
Judge

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<u>Whether Speaking/ Reasoned:</u>	<u>Yes/ No</u>
<u>Whether Reportable:</u>	<u>Yes/ No</u>