

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH
Sr. No.: 247

Civil Writ Petition No.24095 of 2022
Date of Decision: August 02, 2023

Retired College Principals & Teachers Federation

..... 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. K.L. Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Suneel Ranga, DAG, Haryana.

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Tribhuvan Dahiya, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the revised pension/family pension to the pre-01.01.2016 retirees from government-aided Colleges in the State with effect from 01.01.2016.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the members of the petitioner federation are pre-01.01.2016 retirees from the aided colleges; their pension has not been revised, as claimed. The Finance Department, vide letter dated 24.07.2020 (Annexure P-4), had requested all heads of the Department, including the respondent-Department, to revise the pension/family pension of pre-01.01.2016 pensioners/family pensioners as early as possible. The file notings (Annexure P-3) indicate that year-wise financial implications on account of revision of pension/family pension for pre-01.01.2016 pensioners of government-aided Colleges, for both teaching and non-teaching staff, was got verified, and the case was put up for

approval of the Finance Department on 04.04.2022. It is further submitted that, in the instant case, despite notice of motion having been issued on 18.01.2023, the respondents have failed to file any response so far, nor have they taken any decision for the release of due arrears. Therefore, the petition may be disposed of by directing the respondents to decide the issue.

3. Learned State counsel seeks some more time to file reply.
4. In these circumstances, it is deemed appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.3 to finally decide the issue of revision of pension/family pension for pre-01.01.2016 pensioners of government-aided Colleges within a period of six weeks from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order.

(Tribhuvan Dahiya)
Judge

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