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

CWP-26754-2023

Date of decision : 15.12.2023

Anil Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

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

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhilaksh Gaind, Advocate
for the respondent.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA, J.

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India by the petitioners seeking issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the due admissible amount as well as interest on account of delayed release of amount, pension and pensionary benefits etc.in view of settled law especially in CWP-15306-2016, decided on 04.09.2017 (Annexure P-2).

Vide order dated 29.11.2023, respondent No.3 was directed to file short affidavit before the next date of hearing, but learned counsel for the respondents brought attention of this Court to the fact that in the present petition, only one respondent has been impleaded as party.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioners joined the respondent-Corporation on different dates and on attaining the age of superannuation, they all were entitled for interest on account of delayed release of amount, pension and pensionay benefits, but the same were not paid to them. He has further placed

reliance upon the order dated 04.09.2017 (Annexure P-2), passed by this Court titled as “*Hari Ram and others Vs. Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Patiala*”, 2017 (6) SLR 176. Learned counsel submits that petitioners raised their grievance in the legal notice dated 28.10.2023 (Annexure P-1), which is still pending consideration with respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied at this stage, in case a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Abhilaksh Gaind, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent and raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 28.10.2023 (Annexure P-1) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

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 petitioners in the legal notice, respondent is directed to decide the legal notice dated 28.10.2023 (Annexure P-1), by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order and if there is no impediment, let needful be done within a period of further eight weeks in accordance with law.

The petition stands disposed of.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No