

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

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CWP-28518-2023
Date of Decision: 18.12.2023

JAGDISH

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

THE STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Suresh Ahlawat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. A.G. Haryana
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been instituted under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the arrear of Old Age Pension for the period between August, 2020 to March, 2021 which was not paid till date.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the old age pension of the petitioner was started @ Rs. 2500/- per month w.e.f. December, 2018 at the age of 60 years which was credited per month in his Bank Account No.80006689270 of SBP (State Bank of Patiala), bearing ID No. 6418539 with Aadhar No. 931180856333 but his old-age pension was stopped w.e.f August, 2020 to March-2021 due to technical problem (as stated by the official of the department). Due to merger of the SBP into SBI, the petitioner provided his Axis Bank account number to the respondent-authorities and the old age pension of the petitioner started per month in the account number of Axis Bank w.e.f. April, 2021 instead of August, 2020.

However, the old age pension for the period of six months i.e. August, 2020 to March, 2021 has not been provided to the petitioner without any fault of the petitioner at any stage.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vivek Saini, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that at this juncture, he would be satisfied if respondent No.2-Director General, Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment, Haryana, is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 15.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the respondents does not oppose the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above, with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.2-Director General, Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment, Haryana to consider and decide the representation dated 15.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

DECEMBER 18, 2023
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No