

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-1306-2024 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 22.01.2024

Harjinder Singh

...Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present :- None for the petitioner.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

The instant petition has been preferred by the petitioner seeking issuance of an appropriate writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the retiral benefits of Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Provident and all other retiral benefits along with interest @ 18% per annum from the date of retirement till the date of its actual payment.

It has been averred in the present writ petition that the petitioner joined as pump operator on 11.05.1991 and remained posted as such till 01.08.2005 with the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Ferozepur Division, Ferozepur City. Thereafter, his work along with post was transferred/absorbed to Municipal Council, Ferozepur City and on 05.02.2007, he was transferred to Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. The

petitioner superannuated from the post of Pump Operator on 28.02.2023, but only the part of provident fund of Rs. 3.44 lakhs has been released to him and the remaining benefits have not been released to him. A perusal of the petition itself shows that the petitioner has served a legal notice dated 05.09.2023 (Annexure P-2) whereupon the benefits of pension has been released to the petitioner but the remaining benefits have not yet been released.

The present petition is accordingly **disposed of** without commenting on the merits of the present case and with a direction to respondent No.2-Director, Local Bodies, Punjab to consider the case of the petitioner by treating the present writ petition as a representation and the same shall be decided expeditiously preferably within a period of 04 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, after granting an effective opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)**  
**JUDGE**

**22.01.2024**

*Mangal Singh*

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