

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-1932-2024
Date of Decision: 31.01.2024

RAM SINGH NAGRA Petitioner
VERSUS

PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH AND ANR. Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Piyush Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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 pay the Provident Fund amount of the petitioner alongwith interest and compensation.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner the petitioner joined on 22.09.1980 as an Officer Grade-B in the Examination Branch-II of the Panjab University and was dismissed from service on 29.10.2001 from the post of Jr. Assistant, Exams-I Branch. After dismissal from service, the petitioner was not paid his Provident Fund for which he was entitled. The Provident Fund number of the petitioner is 4716, Department (55) Exam Branch. In the said Provident Fund, the statements for October to March 2004, the amount alongwith interest was reflected as Rs. 103706/-. The petitioner approached the respondents for a number of times, but nothing fruitful could be fetched. Thereafter, the petitioner submitted numerous

representations to the respondents but no action has been taken by the respondent-Panjab University. Lastly, a Legal Notice dated 21.09.2023 (Annexure P-7) has been served by the petitioner upon respondent-authorities to release the due amount lying in the Provident fund of the petitioner but till date no action has been taken thereupon.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that at this juncture, he would be satisfied if respondent No.2-Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh is directed to consider and decide the Legal Notice dated 21.09.2023 (Annexure P-7) in a time bound manner.

Accordingly, in view of the above, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.2-Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh to consider and decide the Legal Notice dated 21.09.2023 (Annexure P-7) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that upon considering the said Legal Notice, if any amount is found due and payable to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed in his favour within a further period of three months.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

JANUARY 31, 2024
Vishal sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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