



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

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CWP-2930-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 18.05.2024

Dr. Prem Kumar Bhanot

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Puneet Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab
Assisted by Mr. Arvind Kumar,
Senior Assistant, Department of Ayurveda,

Ms. Swati Dayalan, Advocate for respondent No.3.

AMAN CHAUDHARY J. (Oral)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the benefit of General Provident Fund.
2. Learned counsel submits that the resignation of the petitioner, who was initially appointed as an Ayurvedic Vaidya, was accepted on 13.03.1991. However, the GPF amount of Rs. 19,329/-, having not been paid, a representation was submitted by him on 15.05.2018, Annexure P-3, to which learned State counsel submits that the petitioner has himself delayed the matter and not even given the account number required for disbursing the amount. Faced with this, learned counsel on instructions from the petitioner, undertook to furnish the same



within a week and restricted his prayer for grant of interest with effect from the date of his representation.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and in light of the judgments in **A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab and others**, 1997(3) SCT 468 and **J.S. Cheema vs. State of Haryana**, 2014(13) RCR (Civil) 355, the present petition is disposed of by directing the respondents to release the benefit of GPF within two months from when the petitioner furnishes his account number alongwith interest at the rate of 6% per annum, payable from the date of his representation, till its release, as per the statement made.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

May 18, 2024
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Whether speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No