

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

CWP-2271 of 2024

Date of decision: 02.02.2024

Gurmeet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Harshit Jain, Advocate,
for the petitioner.
Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab,
for respondents No.1 and 3.
Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

NAMIT KUMAR, J.

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that due to typographical error, in the memo of parties, respondent No.2 has been mentioned as Municipal Council Sangrur and the same may be read as 'Municipal Council Sunam, District Sangrur, through its Executive Officer'.

2. Ordered accordingly. Office is directed to carry out necessary correction in the memo of parties.

3. Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the pension and entire pending retiral benefits of Rs.9,92,450/- of the petitioner including leave encashment and gratuity along with interest at the rate of 18% per annum.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 19.01.2024 (Annexure P-2). He submits that at this stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said legal notice is decided by passing a speaking order within a time-bound frame.

5. Notice of motion.

6. Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 3 and Mr. Sanjeev Soni, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2.

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

8. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.2-Competent Authority, is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 19.01.2024 (Annexure P-2) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled, necessary benefits be released within a period of three weeks thereafter.

9. The petition stands disposed of.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

02.02.2024
R.S.

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No