

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

CWP-2229 of 2024

Date of decision: 02.02.2024

Shivji Ram

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR**

Present: - Mr. Munish Khangwal, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

**NAMIT KUMAR, J.**

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the service benefits i.e. leave encashment, GPF, gratuity, pension and other benefits along with interest @ 18% per annum as the petitioner has not been paid his service benefits even after three years of his retirement.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 24.11.2023 (Annexure P-5). He submits that at this stage, petitioners would be satisfied, if the said legal notice is decided by passing a speaking order within a time-bound frame.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has no objection to the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.3-Competent Authority, is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 24.11.2023 (Annexure P-5) 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.
7. The petition stands disposed of.

02.02.2024  
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No