

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

CWP-4057 of 2024

Date of decision: 22.02.2024

Shinder Pal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Puneet Kumar Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Addl. A.G., Punjab,
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Advocate,
for respondents No.4 to 6.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to pay interest as per provisions of the Punjab General Provident Fund Rules on delayed deposit of amount of provident fund from the date the said amount was deducted every month till the date of its deposit with the concerned authorities; release pension, gratuity, leave encashment, provident fund along with interest and all other benefits; pay interest @ 18% from the date of retirement till the date of its actual payment.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 10.01.2024 (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.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 3 and Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.4 to 6.
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, respondents No.2 and 3 are directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 10.01.2024 (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.
7. The petition stands disposed of.

22.02.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No