

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-5012-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.03.2024

Gurmeet Singh
.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Sharwan Sehgal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the balance of retiral benefits including balance of pension and gratuity to the petitioner and also grant interest on the delayed retiral benefits with all consequential benefits.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 26.12.2023 (Annexure P-4). 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, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has raised no objection to the innocuous prayer made by 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.2 – Director, Local Government, Punjab, is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 26.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled, his claim be released within a period of 04 weeks thereafter. In case, the respondents are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner merits rejection the same be adjudicated upon by passing a speaking order after giving an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner within the time as stipulated hereinabove.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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