

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

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CWP-8723-2024

Date of decision: 20.04.2024

Krishan Lal and others

....Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J (Oral)

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to pay the revised Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Furlough leave and arrears of pension/arrears of salary and all consequential benefits and to pay the arrears of six months dearness allowance @ 119% w.e.f. 01.07.2015 to 31.12.2015.

2. Learned counsel would submit that the revised Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Furlough leave, arrears of salary etc. have not been released to the petitioners as per Notification dated 20.09.2021, Annexure P-2, Notification dated 29.10.2021, Annexure P-3 and Notification dated 29.10.2021, Annexure P-4 as adopted by the Punjabi University Patiala on 03.11.2022 as also arrears of six months of dearness allowance @ 119% w.e.f. 01.07.2015 to 31.12.2015 in terms of notification dated 24.05.2023. In this regard, a legal notice dated 08.01.2024, Annexure P-10, has been served upon respondent No.1, which has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioners are sanguine of it being considered in a positive manner, in case, a direction is given to respondent No.1 to decide the same in a time bound manner by granting them an opportunity of hearing.

3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Divyansh Vats, Advocate for Mr. Mr. H.S. Bath, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has no objection to the limited prayer made.
5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the legal notice dated 08.01.2024, Annexure P-10, within a period of six months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to them and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

20.04.2024
Hemant

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