

2024:PHHC:054580
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

124 CWP-9022-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.04.2024
Surinder Kumar ..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others ..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Ms. Navjot Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed for directing the respondents to release the arrear of house rent along with interest from 22.06.2015.
2. Learned counsel would contend that arrears of HRA has not been released. In this regard, a legal notice dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P9), has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. She thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioner is sanguine of it being considered in a positive manner, in case, a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner by granting him an opportunity of hearing.
3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.
5. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P9), within a period of 6 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 him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

23.04.2024 (AMAN CHAUDHARY)
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No