

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.9155 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.04.2024

Prince Bhatti and another
.....Petitioners
Versus
State of Punjab and others
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Fateh Singh Dhillon, Advocate
for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the service/retiral benefits including Gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Encashment and other admissible benefits under the revised pay-scales along with interest @ 18% per annum on account of delayed payment. Further direction be issued to the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioners for compassionate appointment, which is pending till date.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners, at the very outset, confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 22.01.2024 (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.
4. Notice of motion.

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5. Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1, 2 and 4 whereas Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate, has accepted notice on behalf of respondent No.3 and have no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

7. Keeping in view the limited prayer addressed at the time of arguments, facts and circumstances of the case but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the controversy, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority – respondent No.3 to expeditiously decide legal notice dated 22.01.2024 (Annexure P-2) submitted by the petitioners by passing a speaking order, preferably within a period of 03 months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Benefits, if any, found due to the petitioners shall be released expeditiously preferably within a period of 04 weeks thereafter.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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