

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.9315 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.04.2024

Ram Bilas

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Anish Batra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed by the petitioner 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 dues of retiral benefits i.e. gratuity and leave encashment along with interest @ 9% per annum. Further direction be issued to respondents to decide the legal notice dated 06.03.2024 (Annexure P-3) filed by the petitioner.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the very outset, confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 06.03.2024 (Annexure P-3). 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.
5. Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2. On the asking of the Court Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate, has accepted notice on behalf of

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respondent No.3 and have no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

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 respondent No.3, to expeditiously decide legal notice dated 06.03.2024 (Annexure P-3), submitted by the petitioner 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 petitioner 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