

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.9637 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.04.2024

Gurdev Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, 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 accrued gratuity and other retiral benefits to the petitioner, which has not been paid to him so far and also to refund the amount of Rs.5,68,795/- deducted on account of alleged recovery and to pay interest @ 18% per annum on the delayed payment of retiral benefits.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the very outset, confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 01.03.2024 (Annexure P-8). 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.

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4. Mr. Sushane Puri, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents and has 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. 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 i.e. respondent No.1, to expeditiously decide legal notice dated 01.03.2024 (Annexure P-8), 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