

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

CWP-10160 of 2024

Date of decision: 03.05.2024

Itbari Ram @ Itwari Ram

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of *mandamus* for directing the respondents to release the payment of retiral benefits, pension, GPF, Gratuity, GIS and interest on delayed payment of pension of the petitioner. Further prayer has been made for directing the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 22.04.2024 (Annexure P-1) sent by the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at the very outset, confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 22.04.2024 (Annexure P-1). 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.

4. Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 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 respondent No.4, to expeditiously decide legal notice dated 22.04.2024 (Annexure P-1), submitted by the petitioner by passing a speaking order, preferably within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Necessary benefits, if any, found due to the petitioner shall be released expeditiously preferably within a period of one month thereafter.

03.05.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No