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AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-19452-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision : 13-08-2024

BALJINDERPAL		Petitioner
	VERSUS	
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS		Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vikas Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

 Mr. Satnampreet Singh Chauhan, DAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

 In the present petition, the prayer of the petitioner is for directing the respondents to grant pension as well as other pensionary benefits to the petitioner.

 Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was working as waterman-cum-mali with the respondent but after his wife died in the year 2005, the petitioner became mentally disturbed and due to the said state of mind, the petitioner lost his mental balance and did not knew what he was doing for a period of 16 years and was residing in some Village and it was only in the year 2022 when his children located him, the petitioner came back home and regained his mental stability to claim the benefit of job, which he was performing in the year 2005.

 Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that as per the record, the services of the petitioner have never been dispensed with and now he has retired and hence he is entitled for pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the grievance raised in the petition has also been raised in the legal notice dated 29.04.2024, copy of which has been appended as Annexure P-9, the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage, if direction is issued to the respondents to decide the same in the time bound manner and shall decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Satnampreet Singh Chauhan, DAG Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned State counsel submits that in case the legal notice (Annexure P-9) dated 29.04.2024 has been received in the concerned office, an appropriate speaking order on the same would be passed by respondents within a period of 8 weeks of the receipt of copy of this order. Learned counsel further submits that in case, it is found feasible to accept the claim of the petitioner, the same will be accepted, otherwise due reasons will be mentioned for not accepting the claim of the petitioner in the speaking order to be passed, which will be conveyed to him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement of the learned State counsel, present petition may kindly be disposed of as having been not pressed any further.

Ordered accordingly.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed off.

13-08-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES/NO
Whether reportable: YES/NO