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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision :23.08.2024

Santosh Kumari

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Manmeet Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab
(keeping in view advance copy served)

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is entitled for the release of her pensionary benefits within a period of 02 months of her retirement but the same have been released by the respondents after much delay and hence, the petitioner is entitled for the grant of benefit of interest on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits keeping in view the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468*, according to which, in case there is no impediment, pensionary benefits should be released within a period of 02 months of retirement.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already raised the said grievance in her legal notice dated 15.07.2024



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(Annexure P/1), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case, a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Satnam Preet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case, legal notice dated 15.07.2024 (Annexure P/1) has been received in the office of the concerned authorities and the same is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned, the same will be decided by the competent authority within a period of eight weeks from the date of the receipt of certified copy of this order and in case, it is found feasible to accept the claim of the petitioner, the same will be extended to her otherwise, due reasons for not accepting the claim of the petitioner will be mentioned in the speaking order so passed, which will be conveyed to the petitioner.

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

Ordered accordingly.

August 23, 2024

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No