

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-23840-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 02.05.2024

Anita Rani

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Narinder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, DAG Punjab

Respondent No.4-Sanjeev Kumar, Clerk in person

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed for directing respondent No.2 to release gratuity and pension wrongly withheld without any reason or justification alongwith interest.
2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner had not been released retiral benefits, for which purpose, the present petition has been preferred. However, during pendency of the petition, the same has been released *albeit* with delay. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioner would be satisfied, in case a time bound direction be given to the respondents to decide his claim of the interest by granting him an opportunity of hearing.
3. Learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer made.
4. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair

and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

02.05.2024

M.Kamra

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes / No

Whether reportable

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Yes / No