

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-32535-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.01.2024

Naresh Paul
.....Petitioner
Versus
State of Punjab and Others
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Prateek Sharma, Advocate
for Mr. Maninder S. Saini, Advocate
for the respondents No.2 to 4/PUNSUP.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the arrears of Employees Provident Fund as well as other allowances of the petitioner on account of revision of his pay from grade pay 3600 to 4200 w.e.f. 01.12.2011.

Short reply on behalf of the respondents/PUNSUP, has been filed wherein it has been stated as under:-

- “1. That through the present Writ Petition, the Petitioner is seeking the release of his arrears of EPF and other allowances as per his revised salary.*
- 2. That it is hereby submitted that the Petitioner was entitled to arrears of his salary and the arrears of his EPF basis the revised salary (as detailed in Annexure P-4).*
- 3. That as regards the arrears of salary, it is submitted that the same have already been released and stand paid to the Petitioner. A letter dated 19.09.2019 written to the Petitioner, intimating him about the same is annexed herewith as Annexure R-2/1.*

4. That in respect of the arrears of EPF, it is submitted that the Respondent Department has already processed his claims at their end and have also written to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner to release the same in favour of the Petitioner. A copy of the letter dated 26.03.2019 addressed to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner is annexed herewith as Annexure R-2/2.

5. That accordingly, the reliefs claimed by the Petitioner herein as against the Respondent Department already stand addressed. As such, no claim of the Petitioner survives anymore.

6. That in view of the foregoing submissions, it is not necessary to file a detailed para-wise reply to the Writ Petition. However, the same shall be filed if this Hon'ble Court so desires or directs.”

In view of the averments made in the short reply filed by the respondents and the fact that the claim raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition has already been granted to the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No