

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

CWP-26544 of 2023

Date of decision: 24.01.2024

Ramesh Chand

.....Petitioner

Versus

The Chief Managing Director, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Vijay Deep Rathee, Advocate,
for Mr. Sahil Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, Advocate,
for the respondents.

NAMIT KUMAR, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to provide pensionary benefits as well as gratuity benefit to the petitioner for his work-charge/daily wage/contingency services rendered by him for the period from 01.08.1985 to 18.12.2000.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 12.09.2022 (Annexure P-5). 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. Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.1-Managing Director, PSPCL, is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 12.09.2022 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled, his claim be released within a period of six weeks thereafter. In case, the respondents are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner merits rejection the same be adjudicated upon by passing a speaking order after giving an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner within the time as stipulated hereinabove.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

24.01.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No