

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-28127-2023
Date of decision: 05.02.2024

Yashpal Sharma ...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. K.R. Dhawan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajit Singh Natt, A.A.G., Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the arrears of pensionary benefits in view of letter dated 29.10.2021, issued by Government of Punjab, whereby recommendation of Sixth Pay Commission were implemented regarding the pensioners and maximum limit of payable gratuity was raised from Rs.10,00,000/- to Rs.20,00,000/- w.e.f. 01.01.2016, along with 18% interest on delayed payments of pensionary benefits.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner at the outset confines his prayer for deciding representation dated 19.04.2023 (Annexure P-3). He submits that at this stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said representation is decided by passing a speaking order within a time bound frame.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
4. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.3-Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in the representation dated 19.04.2023 (Annexure P-3) 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, necessary benefits be released within a period of three weeks thereafter.
5. The petition stands disposed of.

05.02.2024
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JUDGE

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