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

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Date of decision: 27.11.2024

Jagpal Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Limited

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Harshit Jain, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate, and
Mr. Lalit Goyal, Advocate,
for the respondent.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed for directing the respondent to pay an interest @ 18% per annum from the date of retirement i.e. 01.04.2015 to 30.06.2024 to the petitioner on the delayed payment of leave encashment of Rs.4,63,910/-.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner retired as Executive-II from the respondent-Corporation on 31.03.2015 and amount of leave encashment of Rs.4,63,910/- was released on 30.06.2024. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for interest on the delayed payment of leave encashment from the date of his retirement i.e. 31.03.2015. He submits that for the said purpose, petitioner has served legal notice dated 15.10.2024 (Annexure P-2) upon the respondent, however, neither the interest has been paid to the petitioner nor the said legal notice has been replied to. He submits that at this

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stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said legal notice is considered and decided by passing a speaking order in a time-bound frame.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

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 is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in legal notice dated 15.10.2024 (Annexure P-2) 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.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

27.11.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No