



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

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CWP-3098-2025

Date of decision: 17.02.2025

RAJBIR SINGH

...PETITIONER

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. V.P. Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Prince Singh, Advocate
for respondent Nos. 2 and 3.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondent No. 2 to release withheld retiral dues and interest on retiral dues w.e.f. 31.05.2017.
2. The petitioner is claiming that respondents have wrongfully withheld his retiral dues. The petitioner retired from the office of respondent on 31.05.2017. He claims that he was subjected to multiple inquiries and all the inquiries either stand dropped or concluded. The respondent has initiated fresh inquiry by way of making appointment of Inquiry Officer on 05.12.2024.
3. Notice of motion.
4. Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana and Mr. Prince Singh, Advocate, who on advance notice, are present in Court, accept notice on behalf of respondent-State and respondent Nos.2 and 3 respectively.

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5. With the consent of both sides, the matter is taken up for final disposal.

6. Mr. V.P. Malik, Advocate submits that respondents may be directed to appoint Inquiry Officer from the panel curated by Chief Secretary. The proceedings may further be made time bound.

7. Mr. Prince Singh, Advocate submits that petitioner is making allegations against every Inquiry Officer and this is the reason for non-conclusion of inquiry, nevertheless, if directed by this Court, an Inquiry Officer from the panel curated by Chief Secretary would be appointed. He further submits that in few inquiries, petitioner was found guilty and arbitration proceedings for recovery are still pending.

8. In the wake of statement of both sides, the respondent is directed to appoint Inquiry Officer with respect to pending inquiries from the panel curated by Chief Secretary who would complete inquiry as expeditiously as possible and preferably within 6 months from the date of assuming charge.

9. Disposed of accordingly.

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[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No