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

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CWP-8282-2025
Date of Decision: 25.03.2025

JIRA LAL

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Nitish Bhatia, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the pensionary benefits laying with the respondents since 31.03.2023 alongwith interest @ 18% per annum.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had been working as Forest Guard having IC No.37H and was posted at Adampur Range, Hisar Forest Division, Hisar. The petitioner retired on 31.03.2023. At the time of retirement, the petitioner had obtained 'No Dues Certificate' as nothing was pending or due against him at the time of his retirement. Notwithstanding the same, the respondents have withheld the pensionary benefits of the petitioner for no valid reason(s) and have not released the same since the date of his retirement i.e. 31.03.2023.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and prays for some time to seek instructions.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.3- Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial), Hisar, District Hisar is directed to treat the present petition as a representation and to consider and decide the same by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State Counsel does not have any objection to the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above; with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.3 to treat the present writ petition as a representation and to consider and decide the same by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of four months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that upon considering the case of the petitioner, if any amount towards retiral dues/pensionary benefits is found due and payable to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed in his favour within a further period of two months, failing which the outstanding amount shall carry interest @ 6% per annum from the date the same became due till actual disbursement.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

MARCH 25, 2025.

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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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