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

(130)

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Date of Decision : April 07, 2025

Vinod Kumar**.. Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab and another****.. Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Aditya Dassaur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already voluntarily retired from service on 30.11.2024 from the employment of respondent No.2 but his pensionary benefits qua the time period he had rendered his service have not been released to him, which is causing prejudice to him.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that as per the judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997(3) SCT 468*, it has been held that where there is an inordinate delay in disbursing the retiral benefits to the beneficiary and the said delay is not justifiable, employee will be entitled for interest on such benefits admissible to him/her.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the grievance raised in the present petition has already been raised by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 01.03.2025 (Annexure P-4) which is still

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pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied at this stage in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents so as to decide upon the said legal notice by passing an appropriate speaking order.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case the legal notice dated 01.03.2025 (Annexure P-4) has been received in the office of the concerned authorities and the same is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned, the same will be decided by the competent authority within a period of eight weeks from the date of the receipt of certified copy of this order by passing an appropriate speaking order and in case, after the decision any relief is to be extended to the petitioner, the same will be extended, otherwise due reasons will be mentioned in the speaking order to be passed for not accepting the claim of the petitioner for his information and necessary action.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement of learned State counsel, the present writ petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

8. Ordered accordingly.

April 07, 2025*harsha***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)****JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No