



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

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CWP-21281-2025

Date of Decision : **July 28, 2025**

RAJINDER KUMAR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR

Present : Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

ROHIT KAPOOR, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, prayer is made for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for issuance of directions to the respondents to release the withheld death-cum-retirement benefits i.e. gratuity and arrears of 14 years ACP etc of the services rendered by late Smt. Sunita Devi (wife of the petitioner), with a further prayer to grant interest @12% per annum on the delayed payments of pensionary benefits.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, on instructions from the petitioner, submits that at this stage, the petitioner will be satisfied if a direction is given to respondent No.5 to decide his legal notice dated 16.05.2025 (Annexure P-7), in a time bound manner.
3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Puru Jarewal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 and he does not oppose the prayer, as made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.5 to decide legal notice dated 16.05.2025 (Annexure P-7), within a period of 08 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. Needless to say that the legal notice shall be decided in adherence with the principles of natural justice by giving due opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and by passing a detailed and reasoned speaking order.

7. Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

July 28, 2025

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**(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No

Whether Reportable. : Yes/No