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

CWP-22962-2025

Date of decision: 08.08.2025

Love Joel

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ in the nature of *mandamus* for directing the respondents to release the retiral benefits i.e. Gratuity, Leave Encashment, GPF which have not been released to the petitioner after his retirement except payment of Rs.5 lakh though nothing is pending against him in violation of the settled law.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that she would be satisfied if the legal notice of the petitioner is decided by the respondents by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel appearing on receipt of advance notice submits that he has no objection in case a direction is issued to the respondents for time bound consideration and decision of the legal notice of the petitioners by passing a speaking order.

Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioner, the respondents are directed to consider the legal notice (Annexure

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P-7) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order after affording him an opportunity to be heard, within a period of three months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by the respondents.

Disposed of accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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