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

CWP-23158-2025

Date of decision: 11.08.2025

Bhagirath

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. Kamal Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vikram Preet Arora, Advocate for
Mr. M.C. Abohar, Advocate
for respondent No.3.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release the amount of service-cum-retirement dues of the petitioner including Pension, Gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Encashment, Revised Pay Scale and arrears of revised pay scale and all other benefits along with interest on delayed period.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 08.07.2025 (Annexure P-3) of the petitioner is decided by the respondents by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Learned State counsel, appearing on advanced 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 petitioner by passing a speaking order.



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4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the respondents are directed to consider the legal notice (Annexure P-3) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording him an opportunity to be heard, within a period of 03 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.

5. In case of any delay in release of payment, it would entail an interest of 7.5% beyond two months from the date of retirement in terms of the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in *A.J. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) vs. State of Punjab 1998 (1) SCT 343*.

6. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

11.08.2025

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