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

**CWP-32794-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.11.2025**

Piyara Lal Pahuja

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Rakesh Nagpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. 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 gratuity along with interest @9% per annum from the due date.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if the representation dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-11) submitted by him is decided by respondent No.2, by passing a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Piyush Khanna, Addl. AG, Haryana, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State while Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Parmar, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2. They



have no objection, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-11), in a time bound manner, by passing a speaking order.

5. A Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa Supg. Engineer (Retd.) vs. State of Punjab 1998 (1) SCT 343*** has opined that disbursement of pension and other benefits payable at retirement must be done in a timely manner. Any delay over a period of two months, qua the said disbursement would entitle the retired employee to claim interest on the amount due.

6. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, present petition is disposed of and respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-11) in terms of the judgment rendered by a Full Bench of this Court in ***A.S. Randhawa's*** case (*supra*) and pass a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

7. Further, the decision taken on the representation dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-11) shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

8. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same be granted to him forthwith by the competent authority.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

14.11.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No