



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

CWP-2335-2026

Date of Decision : 09.02.2026

MANJIT KUMAR

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Neeraj Shama, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J.(Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of a direction upon the respondents to release the pension, and pensionary benefits, i.e. gratuity, commutation of pension and arrears etc., to the petitioner being retired on 31.12.2024, alongwith interest @ 18% p.a. from the date when it became due, till its actual realisation.

2. This Court vide order dated 29.01.2026, had directed the learned State counsel to have apposite instructions, and thereupon, to inform this Court, as to what, are the legal impediments in not releasing the retiral benefits to the petitioner.

3. Today, learned State counsel, on instructions imparted to him by Sh. Dinkar Gill, Sub Divisional Engineer, submits that the petitioner is required to hand over the charge of the stock, which was handed to the

petitioner, during his service tenure, and further to seek NOC from the concerned department.

4. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioner draws attention of this Court towards letters (Annexures P-2 and P-4), wherethrough, the petitioner has made a request to the authority concerned, to take over the charge of the stock, but till date no charge has been taken from him.

5. After considering the rival submission, this Court is of the considered view that the grievance of the petitioner is required to be considered by the authority concerned, at first instance, therefore, the Chief Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department (Respondent no.2), is directed to consider the instant writ petition, as a representation on behalf of the petitioner, and thereupon, to take final decision thereon, within a period of six weeks, from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

6. **Disposed of** accordingly.

7. All pending application(s), if any, stand **disposed** of accordingly.

February 09, 2026
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No