



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

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CWP-12147-2026

Date of decision : 22.04.2026

Prem Sharma

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Ms. Raman Rekhi, Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to release interest @ 18% per annum on the delayed payment of General Provident Fund amounting to Rs.3,91,809/- and G.I.S. amounting to Rs.37,000/- which were due on the date of termination of the services of the petitioner on 01.11.2009 but sanctioned and released after inordinate delay on 24.06.2025 (Annexure P-9).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of his grievances, the petitioner has also served legal notice dated 20.03.2026 (Annexure P-10) to the respondents which is still pending consideration. She further submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.



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4. Mr. Surya Kumar, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide legal notice dated 20.03.2026 (Annexure P-10) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

22.04.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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