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

**CWP-12203-2023(O&M)
Date of decision : 02.04.2026**

Sukhdarshan Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH
NALWA**

Present: Ms. Kavita Arora , Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. N.P.S. Hira, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus*, directing the respondents to release the retiral benefits of the petitioner which have been withheld by the respondents, along with interest @ 12% per annum from the date the same became due.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that some of the retiral benefits have already been released. However, the remaining benefits have been withheld solely on account of pendency of criminal proceedings against the petitioner. She submits that the petitioner has since been acquitted in the said criminal proceedings.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, on instructions from the petitioner, submits that she would be satisfied if a direction is given to respondent No.3 to reconsider the claim of the petitioner for release of the remaining retiral benefits along with



interest as the petitioner has been acquitted in criminal proceedings, in a time bound manner.

4. Learned State counsel does not oppose the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. In view of the above and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 3 to reconsider the claim of the petitioner for release of the retiral benefits due to him, along with interest, taking into consideration that petitioner has been acquitted in criminal proceedings, in accordance with law/rules, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed of.

02.04.2026

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)

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JUDGE

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