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

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Date of Decision: **20.05.2026**

Chand Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab Through The Principal Secretary And Others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present : Mr. Bhim Sain Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction, particularly in the nature of *Mandamus* directing the respondents to release the deducted amount of Rs.7,86,464/- along with arrears of revised salary on account of annual increments added for the period from 01.10.2022 to 30.11.2024 while preparing the pension case of the petitioner after retirement, as communicated vide letter dated 01.09.2025 (Annexure P-3).

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Further, a direction is sought to the respondents to pay interest @ 12% per annum on the delayed release of retiral benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 09.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioner is decided by the respondents by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Ms. Pratibha Bali, AAG, Punjab and Mr. Saurabh Jain, Advocate on advance notice appeared on behalf of respondent No.3 and has filed memo of appearance on behalf of respondent No.3, which is ordered to be taken on record. Registry is directed to place the same at an appropriate place. He 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.

4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the respondent No.3 is directed to consider the legal notice dated 09.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) 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.

5. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, he shall also be entitled to interest @ 6% per annum, to be calculated

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after the expiry of two months from the date of his retirement till actual realization, and the same shall be released forthwith by the respondents.

6. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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