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

CWP-33194 of 2024 Date of decision: 10.12.2024

Charanjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

## CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: -Mr. Himanshu Sharma, Advocate,

for the petitioner.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

## NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

- 1. Instant petition has been filed seeking directions to the respondents to release and disburse the retiral benefits of the petitioner i.e. amount of gratuity, leave encashment etc. to the petitioner due after retirement i.e. 31.01.2024 along with 18% interest from the date it was due till the realisation.
- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.01.2024, however, his gratuity and leave encashment have not been released despite submitting various representations followed by legal notice dated 12.11.2024 (Annexure P-3). He submits that at this stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said legal notice is considered and decided by passing a speaking order in a time-bound frame.
- Notice of motion. 3.

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- 4. Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and 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 expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in legal notice dated 12.11.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled, necessary benefits be released within a period of three weeks thereafter.
- 7. The petition stands disposed of.

10.12.2024 (NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

R.S.

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No