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

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CWP-8661-2025

Date of Decision: 27.03.2025

**DARSHAN SINGH**

... Petitioner

VERSUS

**FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS**

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.**

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Present: Mr. Raj Kumar Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)**

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the pension and pensionary benefits/revised pension alongwith arrears to the petitioner w.e.f. February 2012 alongwith interest @ 18% per annum till realization.

After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has got served a legal notice dated 10.02.2025 (Annexure P-7) but the respondents have neither paid the outstanding dues to the petitioner nor have they taken any action upon the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Pranav Chadha, Advocate enters appearance and files his power of attorney on behalf of the respondents. He prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if so advised.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.2- Regional Manager, Food Corporation of India, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 10.02.2025 (Annexure P-7) served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the respondents does not have any objection to the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above; with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 10.02.2025 (Annexure P-7) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of three months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that upon considering the case of the petitioner, if any amount towards retiral dues/pensionary benefits is found due and payable to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed in his favour within a further period of two months, failing which the outstanding amount shall carry interest @ 6% per annum from the date of filing the present petition till actual disbursement; and the Department shall be at liberty to recover the interest amount from the erring official on whose part the delay would be.

**MARCH 27, 2025.**

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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned* : Yes/No

*Whether reportable* : Yes/No