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

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CWP-16334 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision:29.05.2025

Ashwani Kumar Sharma and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present: Mr. Kanwar Abhay Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the arrears of pensionary benefits i.e. gratuity and leave encashment in view of the amendment in the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that a legal notice dated 26.05.2025 (Annexure P-5) has been served upon the respondents, however, no decision has been taken thereupon. He further submits, on instructions from the petitioners, that at this stage, he will be satisfied if a direction is given to respondent No.4 to decide the legal notice dated 26.05.2025 (Annexure P-5) in a time bound manner.

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3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Puru Jarewal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and on the asking of the Court, he accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.4 also and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 26.05.2025 (Annexure P-5), within a period of 08 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

May 29, 2025
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Whether speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No