

2025:PHHC:036555



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-7395-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 18.03.2025

Lekh Raj

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Randhir Singh Manhas, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the pensionary benefits, including gratuity, leave encashment, pension etc., alongwith interest @ 18% per annum by counting the service rendered by the petitioner prior to regularization on part time basis from 01.09.1974 to 17.04.2015, with regard to which reliance is placed on **Jeewan Lata vs. State of Punjab and others**, 2019(3) PLR 474. Regarding the claim raised in the present case, a legal notice dated 30.01.2024, Annexure P-6, has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. Learned counsel, on instructions, prays that a direction be given to the respondents to decide the same keeping in view the abovesaid judgment, in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

2. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 30.01.2024, Annexure P-6, taking note of the afore-judgment, within a period of 4 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

18.03.2025

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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No