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

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Date of decision: 13.05.2026

Navtej Singh Bal

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with his junior official belonging to reserved category, in terms of Punjab Government circulars dated 22.10.1999 (Annexure P-1), dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-2) along with all consequential benefits arising therefrom, including re-fixation of pay/pension, payment of arrears, revision of retiral benefits and all other admissible dues along with interest @ 18% per annum. Further prayer has been made for directing the respondents to pay interest @ 18% per annum on the delayed release of gratuity and pension, which were disbursed on 01.10.2025, despite the petitioner having retired on 28.02.2025, without any justifiable reason.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that to claim the aforesaid benefit petitioner has served legal notice dated 10.11.2025



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(Annexure P-10) upon the respondents, however, neither the same has been replied nor the said benefits have been released to the petitioner. Learned counsel for the petitioner confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 10.11.2025 (Annexure P-10) and 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.

3. Notice of motion.

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 the legal notice dated 10.11.2025 (Annexure P-10) 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.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

13.05.2026
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No