



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

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CWP-21889-2026

Date of Decision: 20.07.2026

RAJNI BALA AND ANOTHER**...Petitioner(s)****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****...Respondent(s)****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA**

Present:- Mr. Sanjeev Goyal, Advocate, Mr. Gaurav, Advocate and
Ms. Palak Koundal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Arora, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Ms. Ayushi Sharma, Advocate
for respondent no.4.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

The petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to pay compensation of ₹80,00,000 on account of death of Satish Kumar, husband of petitioner no.1, who died after being hit by stray animal within the municipal limits of District Sangrur, on 16.07.2021. Despite several representations and serving of legal notice dated 10.10.2024, no compensation has been paid to the petitioners.

2. Learned State counsel contends that the Government has notified a Policy - The Punjab Compensation to the Victims of Animal Attacks and Accidents Policy, 2025, vide notification dated 20.11.2025, and the petitioners' claim for grant of compensation will be considered in terms therewith upon their filing an appropriate application along with the requisite documents before the competent authority.

3. In view thereof, the petition is disposed of by granting three weeks’ time to the petitioner to file an application seeking compensation in terms of the aforementioned Policy. Upon receipt of application, the same shall be decided by the Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chairperson, Animal Attack/Accident Compensation Committee, Sangrur, in accordance with law within a period of four months, as stipulated under the Policy. In case any compensation is found admissible to the petitioners as per the decision taken, the same shall be released to them within four weeks thereafter.
4. In case the order is not passed and the benefits found admissible are not released within the stipulated periods, Deputy Commissioner, Sangrur shall pay costs of ₹50,000 to the petitioners.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

20.07.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No