

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

CWP No.5001 of 2015  
Date of decision: 19.03.2015

Dharminder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present: Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

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**ARUN PALLI J.** (Oral)

Writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, directing the respondents to consider the petitioner for appointment on compassionate grounds. Father of the petitioner i.e. late Baljinder Singh, Patwari, had expired on 28.09.2011, while in service. The deceased was survived by his widow, two daughters and a son. Since, petitioner was still a minor at the time of the death of his father, vide representation dated 26.12.2012 (Annexure P2), his mother represented to respondent No.2, to reserve a post of a Patwari for the petitioner. Subsequently, on attaining the age of majority, petitioner moved an application dated 25.07.2014 (Annexure P6) to respondent No.2. As a result, the office of Deputy Commissioner, Kapurthala, sought a report as regards the financial condition of the family of the petitioner from

SDM, Bholath. And the report dated 04.08.2014 (Annexure P7), reveals that all what the petitioner and his family possessed is a land measuring 6 kanals and, besides the pension of the deceased, there is no other source of income for the family. Financial condition of the family is stated to be weak.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that since 04.08.2014 i.e. despite submission of the report (Annexure P7), inaction at the instance of the authorities is apparent, as no decision has been taken qua the claim of the petitioner to date.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that let this petition, at this stage, be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner within a stipulated period of time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, strictly in accordance with law, within one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed, assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

However, in case no decision is taken within the time indicated above, the petitioner shall be at liberty to move

the requisite application for revival of this petition to be decided on merits.

March 19, 2015  
Rajan

**( Arun Palli )**  
**Judge**