

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

Civil Writ Petition No.7777 of 2013

Date of decision: 3.11.2015

Pritpal Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr.R.K.Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr.Nikhil K. Chopra, DAG, Punjab.

Mr.Dheeraj Jain, Advocate,
for respondents No.6 and 7.

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

Mr.Dheeraj Jain appearing for respondents No.6 and 7 and Mr.Chopra appearing for the State submit that both the Central Government and the State of Punjab are severally liable for payment of family pension to the petitioning widow for the period of service rendered by her late husband in the respective Governments.

Mr.Chopra has filed an additional affidavit of Mr.Sandeep Nagar, District Education Officer [SE], Sangrur in which it has been indicated that as per the letter/instructions dated 17.1.2013 [P-11], the

petitioner is entitled to draw family pension from the military side as well as also from the Government of Punjab in respect of the services rendered by the deceased husband in the Education Department. On their part, Punjab Government has released the family pension to the petitioner and she is drawing the benefits from April, 2012 onwards. The petitioner's husband Jagroop Singh died on 18.1.2012. Thus, necessary relief has been granted by the Government of Punjab.

Mr.Jain submits that the Central Government had written a letter to the petitioner on 13.6.2013 [R-6/1] asking her to complete the formalities to enable her to get the benefit of the family pension from the Indian Army/Central Government. Therefore, in case the formalities have not already been completed, a direction is issued to respondents No.6 and 7 to finalise the case of the petitioner and remit her regularly the family pension admissible to her within four months.

The petitioner would send a reply letter in response to letter dated 13.6.2013 [R-6/1] within 10 days on receipt of certified copy of this order. This order will be put in motion within the time frame as fixed above, i.e., within four months from the date when the petitioner completes the formalities.

With these observations, the petition stands disposed of.

In case the petitioner has any remaining grievance on the subject matter, she will be at liberty to move an application in this case.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

November 3, 2015

