

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.6776 of 2015

Date of Decision: April 10, 2015

Pooja Thakur

...Petitioner

Versus

Union Territory and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Vansh Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner, who is a minor and is a rape victim, is entitled to the benefit of the Notification dated 15.10.2013 (Annexure P-4) issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, which Notification has been adopted by the Union Territory of Chandigarh, according to which rape victim is entitled to the maximum limit of compensation to the extent of ₹3 lacs. He contends that the accused stands convicted vide judgment dated 02.08.2014 (Annexure P-1). Petitioner being entitled to the benefit of compensation, as per the Notification referred to above, served a notice through counsel dated 15.12.2014 (Annexure P-5) upon the respondents, but till date, no decision thereon has been taken or conveyed to the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondents 1 and 2 to consider and decide the legal notice of the petitioner dated 15.12.2014 (Annexure P-5), within some specified time.

In view of the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to Union Territory, Chandigarh through Home Secretary, 4th floor, U.T. Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh and The Special Secretary Home, U.T. Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh-respondents 1 and 2 respectively, to consider and decide the legal notice dated 15.12.2014 (Annexure P-5), within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

April 10, 2015

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**