

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

Civil Writ Petition No.10517 of 2016

Date of decision: 25.5.2016

Iqbal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks release of medical reimbursement charges spent by him on the treatment of his wife being part of medical reimbursement of ₹ 2,56,273/- along with interest.

The pleaded case of the petitioner is that he has retired as Centre Head Teacher under the jurisdiction of respondent no.4. His wife was admitted for the treatment at the Tagore Hospital & Heart Care Centre Pvt. Ltd., Jalandhar and was discharged on 19.7.2011. The above said amount was spent for her treatment and the petitioner is entitled for medical reimbursement of the same. The bills had been sent by respondent no.3 to respondent no.2 after removing the requisite objections on 23.1.2013 (Annexure P/1) but payment is still not being made. It is pointed out that legal notice dated 28.9.2015 (Annexure P/3) has been served upon the respondents which was forwarded to respondent no.2. Respondent no.4 in reply dated 27.11.2015 (Annexure P/5) to the legal notice has taken the plea that bills have been sent to respondent no.2.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated

28.9.2015 (Annexure P/3) within some fixed time frame.

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.S.Sidhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents. Requisite Copies of the writ petition have been supplied to him.

Keeping in view the above controversy, this Court does not feel necessary to call upon the respondents to file reply since the decision making of the payment is still in the pipeline.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the entitlement of the petitioner, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2 to decide the claim raised in legal notice dated 28.9.2015 (Annexure P/3) and ensure disbursal of payment of medical reimbursement, if there is no legal impediment within a period of two months, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. The issue of payment of interest on the delayed payment may also be taken into consideration. In case any adverse order is to be passed then a reasoned order be passed by the said respondent and be conveyed to the petitioner.

May 25, 2016
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(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
Judge