

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

CWP No.18107 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision:30.09.2016

Anil Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Tribhbhawan Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Father of the petitioner who was serving as Agriculture Development Officer under the Department of Agriculture, State of Haryana died on 19.01.1993 and in harness. Present petitioner, whose date of birth is stated to be 05.01.1989 was a minor at that stage. His mother, namely, Smt. Sayri Devi and widow of Sh. Chuni Lal, Agriculture Development Officer submitted an application immediately i.e. in the year 1993 itself stating that her son is a minor and he be considered and given appointment on compassionate basis upon attaining the age of majority. Counsel has adverted to letter dated 20.08.1993 at Annexure P-2 from the Director Agriculture Haryana and addressed to Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana in support of such assertion.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that till date no final decision has been taken with regard to the claim of the petitioner seeking compassionate appointment even though he attained the age of majority in the year 2007. To support his contention that claim of the petitioner is still under consideration, counsel refers to documents at Annexure P-6 (colly) i.e. information supplied under the Right to

respondent/department has informed that the claim of appointment of the son of late Sh. Chuni Lal, Agriculture Development Officer is still pending consideration and no final decision has been taken so far.

In the light of the facts noticed hereinabove and without making any observations on merits, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent-authorities/competent authority to look into the claim of the petitioner seeking compassionate appointment and to take a final decision thereupon within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order in accordance with law.

It is clarified that the directions being issued by this Court to finally decide and to take a decision upon the claim of the petitioner seeking compassionate appointment would not be construed as this Court having condoned the aspect of delay seeking compassionate appointment, if any.

Disposed of.

30.09.2016

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | No |