

**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.22156 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision:20.12.2016**

Rajiv Gopal and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State Bank of India

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr.S.S.Behl, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr.Pranav Kumar, Advocate for
Mr.Vikas Chatrath, Advocate for the respondent.

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK, J. (Oral)

Feeling aggrieved against the communication dated 28.7.2014 (Annexure P-5), petitioners have approached this Court by way of instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the impugned order.

Notice of motion was issued and in compliance thereof, short reply by way of affidavit was filed on behalf of respondent No.1.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

The only objection raised on behalf of the respondent was that all the legal heirs of the deceased Late Shri Kewal Krishan Sood, who was admittedly hirer of Locker No.47 with the respondent-bank, should operate the locker.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners No.1 and 4 along with their sister as well as mother and petitioners No.2 and 3 as well, shall operate Locker No.47 jointly in the presence of Branch Manager. He further submits that let the Branch Manager allow all the legal heirs of Late Shri Kewal Krishan Sood operate the locker together and if it

is thought appropriate, let the operation of the locker in question be videographed, to which the petitioners would have no objection, so that there may not be any kind of complications in future as well.

Learned counsel for the respondent has also fairly stated that the respondent-Bank would have no objection if all the legal heirs of Shri Kewal Krishan Sood operate the locker jointly.

In view of the above-said respective stand taken by the learned counsel for the parties, the present writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to the Branch Manager of respondent-Bank, to allow all the legal heirs of Late Shri Kewal Krishan Sood, who was admittedly hirer of Locker No.47, to operate the locker jointly on any working day of the bank, in the presence of Branch Manager himself. The Branch Manager shall also be at liberty to get operation of the locker videographed, if he thinks it necessary and petitioners shall not object to it. The Branch Manager of the respondent-Bank shall allow all the legal heirs of Late Shri Kewal Krishan Sood to operate the locker in question after due identification of every legal heir so as to avoid any kind of complication in future. In addition to this, petitioners shall furnish their duly sworn affidavits as well, before the Branch Manager, before operating the locker in question.

With the above-said observations made and directions issued, the instant writ petition stands disposed of.

20.12.2016
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(RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No