

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

**CWP No.27186 of 2015
Decided on : 11.01.2016**

Manjit Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present : Mr.Amit Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

G.S. Sandhawalia , J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks consideration of the claim for reimbursement of medical bills amounting to Rs.8,45,245/-, which were spent by her for the treatment of her chronic disease, i.e., bye-pass surgery of heart. Further direction has been sought to pay interest @ 12% per annum, on the said bills, as per the Punjab Medical Attendance Rules, 1940 and the instructions of the Government.

It is the case of the petitioner that she retired on 28.02.2011 as Headmistress and has been released pension. She got admitted in the Dayanand Medical College & Hospital, Hero DMC Heart Institute, Ludhiana on 12.07.2013 to 26.08.2013 and underwent bye-pass surgery on 17.07.2013. A chronic disease certificate was also issued to her by the competent Medical Officer, earlier and she had submitted the concerned medical bills along with the invoice dated 26.08.2013.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that since the legal notice dated 30.09.2015 (Annexure P9) is pending with respondent No.2 and the petitioner would be satisfied if a time-bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the legal notice, within a fixed time-frame.

Notice of motion.

Mr.R.S.Sidhu, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He is supplied a copy of the paperbook.

Keeping in view the limited controversy involved, this Court does not feel it necessary to ask the respondents to file reply.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 30.09.2015 (Annexure P9), within a period of 2 months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found entitled for the said payments, same be disbursed to her, within a period of one month, thereafter. In case the amount is not payable, a reasoned order be passed and the same be conveyed to the petitioner.

JANUARY 11, 2016
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE