

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.4965 of 2016

Date of Decision: 16.03.2016

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA**

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar Goklaney, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

**RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.**

The petitioner is a widow whose husband died in harness in February 2012 while serving as a Sewerman in Class-IV service in Municipal Council, Ferozepur.

Mr. Goklaney states the service of the Municipal Council is pensionable and the widow would be entitled to family pension. She has made such a request but has been running from pillar to post so that her case for family pension may be processed but all that has fallen on deaf ears.

Lastly, the petitioner has served a legal notice on the Corporation dated November 09, 2015 (P-14) which has not been decided so far nor anything conveyed to the petitioner as to its fate.

In the circumstances, Mr. Goklaney submits that it will suffice if a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the legal notice of the petitioner for family pension including arrears thereof together

with any statutory interest which may be prescribed on withholding family pension for sufficiently long time.

The prayer is accepted and a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to pass a speaking order on the legal notice within six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioner makes a request for personal hearing, the same shall be granted either personally or through authorized representative given that she may be an illiterate or an uneducated person.

The petition stands disposed of with the above directions.

**(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)**  
**JUDGE**

**16.03.2016**  
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