

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.15338 of 2017
DECIDED ON: July 17, 2017

YASHPAL DUGGAL

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

Through instant petition preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought issuance of appropriate writ especially in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the medical reimbursement along with interest @ 18% per annum.

2. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is entitled to medical reimbursement as provided by the State of Punjab and the case was duly sent through District Education Officer (E), Gurdaspur for medical claim of ₹6,94,636 on 10.03.2016. Medical reimbursement certificate was also issued by DMC Hospital, Ludhiana for a sum of ₹6,94,636/-. The necessary sanction has already been accorded by the

Director Office for a sum of ₹5,49,958 vide its letter dated 16.12.2016, but till

date nothing has been paid or disbursed to the petitioner despite the fact that a representation dated 06.03.2017 (Annexure P-4) in this regard was also moved by the petitioner.

4. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Director Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, Parivar Kalyan Bhawan, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh to consider the claim of the petitioner within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, that too, particularly in view of the judgment passed by this Court in CWP No. 13114 of 2016 (O&M), titled as “*Joginder Kaur v. State of Punjab and others*” decided on 19.05.2017 including the grant of interest on the delayed payment. In case, petitioner is entitled to the aforesaid benefits, to release the same within a period of two months thereafter.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*