

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

**CWP No. 2631 of 2016
Date of Decision: 11.01.2017**

Shamsher Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. H. S. Batth, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking directions to the respondents to appoint the petitioner on compassionate ground.

In brief, the facts are that the father of the petitioner, namely Late Sh. Satnam Singh, was working in the Punjab Home Guards in the year 1985. He continued in active service till 14.07.2011 when he died during his posting at Check Post, Patti. Thereafter, the petitioner, being dependent upon his late father, moved an application for appointment on compassionate ground. Since the same was denied, the petitioner herein was constrained to file the instant writ petition.

Notices in the instant petition were issued and appearance has been put on behalf of the respondents-State. Counsel for the respondents-State submits that a decision has been taken by the Punjab Home Guards & Civil Defence Department to consider the case of the petitioner for

enrollment as a Volunteer in the organization subject to fulfillment of all eligibility conditions. This decision is based on the State Government's letter dated 23.12.2016, wherein, the Government has granted approval to enroll Punjab Home Guards Volunteers on compassionate grounds to dependents of those Home Guards who died on duty during the last 10 years.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and in view of the fact that a decision has been taken to consider the case of the petitioner for appointment on compassionate ground subject to his fulfilling all eligibility conditions, the instant petition is allowed, with direction to respondents to consider the case of the petitioner in light of the letter dated 23.12.2016 as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of three months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order.

January 11, 2017
Ansari

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No