

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

Sr. No.113

Civil Writ Petition No.25479 of 2017
DECIDED ON: November 09, 2017

PARMINDER SINGH

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. S.K. Rattan, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Heard.

2. Notice of motion.

3. At the asking of the Court, Ms. Akanksha, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts the notice on behalf of the respondents-State. Copy of the petition be supplied to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

4. Through the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the amount of Rs.75,789/- which has been sanctioned by respondent No.2

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vide letter dated April 20, 2016 (P-1) on account of reimbursement of medical expenses/bills along with interest @ 12% per annum.

5. Undisputably, petitioner stood retired on June 30, 2010 on attaining the age of superannuation. Subsequently, he underwent operation as he was suffering from Piles and remained admitted for more than ten days in the month of May, 2015. He submitted the medical bills approximately amounting to Rs.2 lacs. But considering the case of reimbursement, an amount of Rs.75,789/- was sanctioned by the respondent No.2 i.e. Director, Department of Education vide letter dated April 20, 2016. But to the utter surprise, even the sanctioned amount has not so far been disbursed to the petitioner.

6. In the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the considered view that no reply is required to be obtained from the respondents and the matter can be disposed of in the light of the averments made in the petition.

7. Undisputably, an amount of Rs.75,789/- has already sanctioned by the concerned authorities vide letter dated April 20, 2016 in response to the medical bills submitted immediately after discharge of the hospital. But even that amount has not so far been released/dispensed to the petitioner till date.

8. Accordingly, keeping in view the facts and circumstances narrated above, instant petition is disposed of with the direction to respondents particularly District Treasury Officer, Hoshiarpur to make the payment of the medical bills already sanctioned within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further,

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respondents are also directed to pay interest @ 9% per annum after the expiry of two months from the date of submission of medical bills till actual payment.

9. However, in case, petitioner still feels aggrieved of the order passed by concerned authority, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

November 09, 2017
Ankur

(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No