

**CWP No. 10793 of 2018
DECIDED ON: MAY 10, 2018**

BALBIR KAUR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. B.S. Jaswal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

Through the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay ex-gratia compensation of ₹10,00,000/- to her and also to release the medical reimbursement bills amounting to ₹9,00,000/-.

2. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the husband of petitioner was working as Peon in the office of respondent No.3, who was deputed for Assembly Election duty at 20-Attari (SC) Assembly Constituency in the Month of February 2017. While performing duties he fell down in the stairs and suffered serious head injuries and remained in Coma and ultimately succumbed to injuries on 03.01.2018. He further contends that as per the instruction dated 25.04.2014 (P-4), State Government is duty bound to

release the ex-gratia compensation to the tune of ₹10,00,000/- but despite the fact that respondents have approached by the petitioner number of times but with no fruitful result. Ultimately, petitioner moved representation dated 28.02.2018 (P-5) to respondents No.1 and 2 but despite the fact that a period of more than one month is going to expire, neither any response has been received nor any benefit has been released. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondents to decide the afore-said representation in a time bound manner.

3. In view of submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in the representation dated 28.02.2018 (P-5) and to take a conscious decision in accordance with law, rules and regulations within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

4. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, she shall be at liberty to have recourse to other remedies available to her under law including to approach this Court.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>