

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

Sr. No.122

**Civil Writ Petition No.473 of 2018
DECIDED ON: January 12, 2018**

JASWINDER KAUR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Prabhjeet Singh Sullar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By virtue of the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents No.1 & 2 to release the pensionary benefits and to provide compassionate appointment to the petitioner on account of death of her husband Sh. Kasturi Lal.

2. Undisputably, Sh. Kasturi Lal since deceased was working as Artist in Public Relation Department, Jalandhar, Punjab, who has been unfortunately taken away by the nature on September 17, 2016. After the demise of her husband, petitioner is running from pillar to post for getting family pension as well as compassionate appointment. But till date, no substantive action has been taken by the respondents. Though, some

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correspondence is going on inter se the concerned department with regard to grant of family pension as well as compassionate appointment. But despite the fact that a period of more than one year has elapsed, no conscious decision has been taken.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to the concerned authorities to decide the matter in a time bound manner.

4. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, but considering the facts that the respondents are seisin of the matter for the last more than one year and have not taken a conscious decision so far, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for grant of family pension as well as compassionate appointment and take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

5. In case, relief sought through the instant petition is declined to pass a speaking order, in that event, petitioner shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

January 12, 2018

Ankur

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable**

**Yes
Yes/No**