

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

**CWP-8511-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:02.04.2019**

Gurvinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Zonal Manager, Dena Bank & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Gaurav Khera, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

As per pleadings on record, petitioner retired as an Officer, Scale-II from Dena Bank on 31.03.2017.

Counsel submits that while in service petitioner was a member of Group Health Insurance Scheme facilitated by the employer i.e. the bank in tandem with the concerned Insurance Company. Further urged that the premium amounts were deducted regularly from the salary account of the petitioner.

The grievance raised in the instant petition is that such Group Health Insurance Scheme was even available for the retirees but on account of negligence on the part of the bank concerned, the petitioner was never informed at the appropriate stage and as such, he could not submit the form/other documents for continuation of the Group Health Insurance cover even after attaining the age of superannuation. It is argued that the petitioner is even today ready and willing to deposit the entire premium amount for the period from 31.03.2017 and upto date.

As per counsel, if the prayer of the petitioner was to find favour,

no prejudice would be caused to either the bank or the Insurance Company concerned and the petitioner would then be treated at par with other retirees for purposes of Group Health Insurance Policy/Scheme.

Counsel submits that various representations have been submitted but no response is forthcoming.

In view of the grievance afore noticed, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition in terms of granting liberty to the petitioner to file a comprehensive representation as regards his prayer/grievance and accompanied with an undertaking that the petitioner would be ready and willing to pay the entire insurance premium amount from the date of retirement i.e. 31.03.2017 onwards. In the eventuality of any such representation being preferred within a period of two weeks from today, respondent No.1/Competent Authority would consider the same and take a final decision thereupon and convey the same to the petitioner.

Disposed of.

02.04.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |