

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 15343 of 2019
Date of Decision : 30.05.2019

Tilok Chand

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Peeush Gagneja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioner is for the release of the amount of the medical bills amounting to ₹51400/- which the petitioner had incurred on the treatment of his daughter, who was suffering from Blood Cancer.

As per the averments made in the writ petition, petitioner submitted all the bills with the respondent-Municipal Council, which were also forwarded to the Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Amritsar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that though the amount has been sanctioned but the same is not being released to the petitioner as the original bills submitted by the petitioner has been lost by the Municipal Council. Vide letter dated 27.03.2019 (Annexure P-5) Deputy Director, Urban Local Bodies, Amritsar, has written to the Executive Officer, Municipal Council, Batala to send the sanction, which was issued by the Director, Health and Family Welfare for reimbursement of the medical bills but despite the fact that two months have elapsed since

the writing of the said letter but no action has been taken so far by the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to take a final decision for the reimbursement of the medical bills submitted by the petitioner.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 4 and states that respondent No. 4 has no objection in case the prayer of the petitioner for deciding the reimbursement of the medical bills in a time bound manner is accepted.

Without going into the merits of the case or expressing any opinion to the entitlement of the petitioner in respect of the relief claimed in the present writ petition, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to take a final decision for the reimbursement of the medical bills submitted by the petitioner within a period of two months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case after the order, it is found by the respondents that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefits, the same should also be released to him within a period of next two months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

May 30, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*