

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

**CWP-19330-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:14.11.2019**

Lal Chand

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

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

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Bhatheja, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

As per pleadings on record, petitioner is the unfortunate victim of an acid attack . It has been averred in the petition that on account of attack, he has suffered complete visual impairment.

Instant writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus for directing the authorities concerned to grant to him Rs.3 lakhs as compensation and 100% medical reimbursement under the Punjab Victims Compensation Scheme, 2017.

Perusal of the Punjab Victims Compensation Scheme, 2017 notified by the Government of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice at Annexure P-3 would reveal that the applications for grant of compensation may be considered by the Punjab Legal Services Authority or the District Legal Services Authority subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Scheme itself.

Counsel representing the petitioner is not in a position to apprise this Court as to whether any application has been filed by the

petitioner till date before the competent authority under the Punjab Victims Compensation Scheme, 2017.

Be that as it may and keeping in view the pitiable condition of the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition by directing the District Legal Services Authority, Faridkot to consider the instant writ petition itself as a representation/ application for grant of compensation/medical reimbursement as may be permissible under the Scheme.

Towards processing the claim of the petitioner in case the District Legal Services Authority, Faridkot would require any other document, the petitioner would be obligated to produce the same.

A final decision in the matter be taken by the District Legal Services Authority, Faridkot within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

It is however, clarified that this Court has not examined the claim of the petitioner for award of compensation under the Compensation Scheme, 2017. The same would be gone into and examined by the concerned District Legal Services Authority.

Registry is directed to transmit a complete copy of the writ paper book along with Annexures to the office of the District Legal Services Authority, Faridkot.

Disposed of.

14.11.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

i) Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes/No

ii) Whether reportable? Yes/No