

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 1789 of 2018

Date of decision : 24.09.2019

Sukhdev Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. S.K. Rattan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. G.K. Mann, Advocate for the respondents.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioner is that the benefit of the solatium after the death of the father of the petitioner has been declined by the respondents while submitting the reply to the legal notice served by the petitioner claiming the said benefit of solatium.

Today, a short reply has been filed on behalf of the respondents in which it has been stated by the respondents that the benefit for which the petitioner was entitled for i.e. solatium has already been released to the petitioner and was received by the petitioner on 26.02.2019 without any objection. The relevant paragraph of the reply is as under:-

“2. That vide an office (sic) memo no. 44317/44867 dated 17.09.2018 the cut off date for solatium case was extended to 16.03.2019 and after considering the case of the petitioner the solatium has been released to the petitioner. A copy of the

order regarding the release of solatium is annexed herewith as Annexure R/1 and the same was duly received by the petitioner on 26.02.2019, a copy of the receipt is annexed herewith as Annexure R/2. In view of the above, there is no delay in the payment of solatium to the petitioner.

3. *That in view of the above the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed.”*

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that this benefit, which has been released to the petitioner in the year 2019, should have been released to the petitioner in 2009 i.e. after the death of the father of the petitioner and, therefore, petitioner be given liberty to approach the respondents by filing appropriate representation claiming the interest on the delayed release of the solatium.

Learned counsel for the respondents states that in case any representation is filed by the petitioner claiming the interest, the same will be considered as per the law and the facts of the present case and appropriate order will be passed within a period of three months of the receipt of the said representation and in case it is found, the petitioner is entitled for any interest, the same will also be released within a period of one month thereafter.

Keeping in view the above statement of the respondents, learned counsel for the petitioner prays that petitioner does not press this writ petition any further and the same may be disposed of.

Ordered accordingly.

September 24, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes
Whether reportable? No