

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-25765 of 2019

Date of decision: 13.09.2019

Manjit Kaur

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

.... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. KPS Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. .

Counsel for the petitioner argues that at the time of appointment of the petitioner, one of the condition in the appointment order was that in case the appointee dies while in service, due to accident or for some other reason while on duty, the family will be paid compensation of Rs. 1,00,000/- by the respondent-PUNBUS and further, the security, which was deposited at the time of appointment, will be returned.

Counsel for the petitioner argues that unfortunately the husband of the petitioner namely Sukhraj Singh, who was working with the respondents died on 14.03.2017 while on duty, therefore, the petitioner is entitled for payment of compensation as well as refund of security amount, which is not being done by the respondents, despite the fact that two and a half years have already elapsed, since the death of the husband of the petitioner.

Counsel for the petitioner argues that though the Depot Manger has already written to the Managing Director, PUNBUS on 05.09.2018 that petitioner be refunded the security amount but no action has been taken by

respondent No.2-Managing Director, PUNBUS so far. Counsel prays that a direction be issued to respondent No.2 to decide the claim of the petitioner for the grant of compensation as envisaged in clause-24 of the appointment letter/order dated 21.07.2015 (Annexure P/2) as well as refund of security amount which is lying with the respondents in a time bound manner by passing a speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No.2 is directed to consider the case of the petitioner for the release of compensation as well as for the refund of security amount, keeping in view the request made by the petitioner before this Court by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case after the decision, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to her within a period of next one month.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/non-speaking? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |