

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

(121)

CWP-26160-2019

Date of Decision: September 17, 2019

Poonam Gupta

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

The claim which is being raised in the present writ petition is that the husband of the petitioner, who was working in the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Mansa , unfortunately died on 10.02.2017 and the benefits for which, the petitioner became entitled for in respect of the service rendered by her late husband were not released to her within reasonable time, which is fixed by the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) S.C.T. 468*, therefore, petitioner is entitled for interest on the delayed payments.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the payments were released from June, 2017 onwards till March, 2018 whereas those payments became due in February, 2017 therefore, petitioner will be entitled for interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has submitted a representation dated 15.07.2019 (Annexure P-5) to the respondents, which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by her in the representation dated 15.07.2019 (Annexure P-5), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 15.07.2019 (Annexure P-5), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefits after the decision of the representation, the same should also be paid to her within three months thereafter.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No