

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

**CWP No.27323 of 2019
Date of decision: 23.09.2019**

Devi Ram

....Petitioner

Versus

**The Labour Commissioner, U.T. Chandigarh
and others**

....Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. Gagandeep Singh Manku, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the writ petition is for the issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 and 2 to expeditiously decide Case No.3 of 2012 titled as “Devi Ram versus M/s IBH Books and Magazines Pvt. Ltd” pending in the court of respondent No.2 since 2012.

2. Learned counsel states that the petitioner would be satisfied if at this stage the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent Nos.1 and 2 to take appropriate steps to redress the grievance of the petitioner.

3. Brief facts of the case leading to the filing of the writ petition are that the petitioner filed a case titled as “Devi Ram versus M/s IBH Books and Magazines Pvt. Ltd” under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 before respondent No.2 in the year 2012. After conduct of proceedings, the case was reserved for pronouncement of final order on 6.7.2017 but till date, orders have not been pronounced. Representation Annexure P-2 was replied vide communication Annexure P-3 that due to pendency of large number of cases, orders could not be dictated besides the Controlling Authority had relinquished charge.

4. In the light of the position as noted above, the writ petition is disposed of at this stage by directing respondent No.1 to take up the matter with the competent Authority for appointment of Controlling Authority under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and to ensure that the claim of the petitioner is considered and decided in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of three months from the date of appointment of the Controlling Authority.

September 23, 2019

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(B.S. WALIA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No