

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

CWP No. 29865 of 2019

Date of decision : 17.10.2019

Raj Rani

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Mandeep K. Sajjan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the claim which is being made by the petitioner is that her husband, who was a retired employee, became unwell in the year 2017 and for the said ailment relating to heart, he underwent treatment, on which an amount of ₹59,508/- was spent in April, 2018. Thereafter again, husband of the petitioner underwent treatment including an operation for the heart ailment in July, 2018 and on the same, a sum of ₹2,04,376.50 was spent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the bills in respect of the medical treatment were submitted for reimbursement with the authorities and the same were also approved in November, 2018 but no payment has been released so far. Learned counsel further argues that unfortunately, husband of the petitioner died on 06.04.2019 and, therefore, the present writ petition is being filed by the petitioner, who is the wife,

claiming the reimbursement of the medical bills, the details of which, have

been mentioned in para 12 of the writ petition. Prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to reimburse the medical bills submitted by the husband of the petitioner before he died, in respect of the treatment undertaken by him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has made a representation dated 30.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) to the respondents and thereafter, a reminder was also given on 28.05.2019 (Annexure P-7) and the same are 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.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the representation dated 30.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) 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 three months.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

October 17, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes*
Whether reportable? *No*