

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

(144)

CWP-33977-2019

Date of Decision: November 21, 2019

Rakesh Kumar Goyal

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Naveen Sheokand, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.10.2009 and undertook the treatment for the heart ailment from Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre Ltd, Okhla Road, New Delhi wherein, petitioner remained admitted from 28.05.2018 till 04.06.2018 and on the said treatment, petitioner had spent a sum of Rs.10,73,568/-. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that after the petitioner was discharged, he had submitted the bills to the Administrative Department for the reimbursement of the same and the Administrative Department forwarded the bills for approval and verification to the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that respondent No.4 is sitting upon the matter and no order has been passed either accepting or declining the claim of the petitioner and the delay is causing prejudice to the petitioner, being a retired employee.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner has served a legal notice dated 26.09.2019 (Annexure P-6) to the Administrative Department and the Administrative Department replied to the petitioner that

till the bills are verified by the Department of Health and Family, no reimbursement has been done, after which the petitioner submitted a representation to respondent No.4 on 25.10.2019 (Annexure P-8) for the grant of approval to the medical bills so that the reimbursement could be done. Counsel for the petitioner states that the said representation is still pending consideration with the Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana-respondent No.4 and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.4 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 him in the representation dated 25.10.2019 (Annexure P-8), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4 to decide the representation dated 25.10.2019 (Annexure P-8), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

November 21, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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