

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-51-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.04.2019

Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur

--Petitioner

Versus

The Principal Secretary & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Manoj Bakshi, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Petitioner has filed the instant petition seeking a Mandamus for directing the respondent authorities i.e. State of Punjab to provide immediate financial aid as also compensation to her as envisaged under Punjab Govt. Notification dated 13.3.2014 (Annexure P-1) on account of death of her husband Sukhdayal in an accident that is stated to have taken place during the late hours of 21.7.2016 involving a stray animal/ox.

In support of the assertion that husband of the petitioner had so died, counsel has adverted to a police investigation report dated 18.6.2017 (Annexure P-7) issued by the Police Station, Tripari, Patiala as also a certificate issued by Amar Hospital, Patiala where Sukhdayal had been taken initially for treatment.

Counsel submits that inspite of repeated representations and even a legal notice having been issued, no response has been forthcoming. He further raises a submission that he would be satisfied, if, directions were to be issued to the respondent authorities to look into the matter and to take a decision as regards providing financial aid and compensation in an expeditious manner.

Prayer made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant petition with a direction to respondent no.4 i.e. the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 1.5.2018 (Annexure P-3) and to take a decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. It would be open for respondent no.4 to have an inquiry conducted in the matter prior to taking any final decision.

It is clarified that this Court has disposed of the writ petition without ascertaining the correctness of the averments made therein. Further clarified that this Court has not opined on the merits of the claim raised by the petitioner.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

02.04.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No