

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

(122)

CWP No. 36192 of 2019

Date of Decision : 13.12.2019

Shakuntla Devi @ Shakuntla

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that late husband of the petitioner, while in service, was depositing the Contributory Provident Fund till 14.09.2017, when he unfortunately died but the said Contributory Provident Fund has not been refunded back to the petitioner, who is the widow of Harmesh Lal, even after expiry of more than two years after the death of her husband. The prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of a direction to respondent No. 3 to release the Contributory Provident Fund alongwith interest forthwith.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has submitted a representation dated 02.09.2019 (Annexure P-6) with the respondents, which is still pending consideration and the petitioner will be

satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 2 is directed to decide the representation dated 02.09.2019 (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.

December 13, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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