

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

**CWP No.1763 of 2020 (O&M)  
Date of decision : January 23, 2020**

**Sheela Devi**

**..... Petitioner**

**Versus**

**The State of Haryana and others**

**..... Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

**Present:-** Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for the petitioner.

**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the husband of the petitioner, namely, Shri Karambir, was employed as Helper Automobile with the respondent-Transport Department of the State of Haryana in Ministerial Car Section and he remained working with the said department from July 1990 onwards till he unfortunately died on 15.09.2013.

The grievance of the petitioner is that despite the lapse of more than six years since the death of her husband, the gratuity amounting to ₹4,17,012/- for the service rendered by her late husband with the respondents, has not been released to the petitioner and that too without any valid justification. Prayer of the petitioner is for the issuance of a direction to the respondents to release the amount of gratuity in respect of the service rendered by the late husband of the petitioner forthwith.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been sought in the present writ petition, she has submitted a representation dated 24.09.2019 (Annexure P-1) with respondent No.4, which is still pending consideration with respondent No.4. The petitioner will be

satisfied, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.4 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in accordance with law.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or on the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No.4 is directed to decide the representation dated 24.09.2019 (Annexure P-1), 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.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

**January 23, 2020**

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Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No