

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

**CWP No.4471 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : February 18, 2020**

Ratanjot Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Harpal Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Peeush Gagneja, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the petitioner is claiming the benefit as granted to the similarly situated persons by this Court while deciding CWP No.25733 of 2012, titled as “***A.P. Sharma and others vs State of Punjab and others***”, on 22.10.2013.

According to learned counsel for the petitioner, judgment in ***A.P. Sharma's*** case (*supra*) has already been upheld by the Division Bench of this Court in LPA No.352 of 2014, decided on 31.08.2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the State of Punjab has already issued instructions on 04.07.2019 for considering the claim of all the eligible persons, in terms of the judgment passed in ***A.P. Sharma's*** case (*supra*). Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for the grant of the benefits as granted to the similarly situated persons, who were petitioners in ***A.P. Sharma's*** case (*supra*).

The prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of direction to the respondents to consider his claim by passing appropriate orders, in terms of the order passed in ***A.P. Sharma's*** case (*supra*) read with instructions dated 04.07.2019.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been sought in the present writ petition, petitioner has served a legal notice dated 31.12.2018 (Annexure P-6) upon the respondents, which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, if a time bound direction is issued to the respondents 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, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 31.12.2018 (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.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

February 18, 2020

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Whether speaking / reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable: No