

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

CWP-(PIL)-98-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 10.08.2020

H.C. Arora

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate (petitioner-in-person).

Mr. Pardeep Singh Bajwa, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

With the consent of learned counsel for the parties, the matter is being taken up and heard via video conferencing (Webex App software).

This petition has been filed by the petitioner praying for a direction to the respondent-authorities to extend the benefit of ex-gratia compensation to the dependent family members/legal heirs of all the employees of Government, Boards and Corporations/State Sponsored Societies including the employees of respondent No. 3 – Punjab ICT Education Society who have been involved as front line workers in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.

The State of Punjab has filed a response in which it has been stated that vide letter dated 08.05.2020, the policy for granting ex-gratia compensation to dependents and legal heirs of the employees who die in harness while on duty of fighting the corona virus pandemic has been issued. It is further submitted that as respondent No. 3 is a Society, it now proposes to take up the matter with the Finance Department for making available the necessary finances for granting ex-gratia payments to the employees of PICTES Society as per the decision dated 08.05.2020.

In view of the aforesaid response filed by the State of Punjab, which is taken on record, it is evident that the issue raised by the petitioner is under consideration of the respondent-authorities and the necessary steps to mitigate his grievance are being taken.

Taking the aforesaid on record, the petition filed by the petitioner is disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

10.08.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No