

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.12198 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.08.2020

(Heard through VC)

Balwinder Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

This is a petition that has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to decide the legal notices dated 15.02.2020 sent by the petitioners (Annexures P4 to P6) within a stipulated time.

Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that the petitioners herein are family members of the persons, who were made hostages by militants of ISIS in Iraq and thereafter were killed. On 02.04.2018 mortals of the said hostages were brought back to India and handed over to their respective families. It is further contended that on 05.06.2018, Government of Punjab had announced that one person from the family of deceased hostage will be given government job as per his/her eligibility by relaxing the Punjab Government Policy dated 21.11.2002 and till the time such job is offered, an amount of Rs.20,000/- per month will be paid to the family of the deceased. Out of total 27 families of deceased hostages in the State of Punjab, 21 have been granted the benefit of government job to one of the family members, however, the remaining six

have been deprived of abovesaid benefit, though they are fully eligible. Even the amount of Rs.20,000/- per month had not been given from April, 2018 onwards. The petitioners herein raised their grievance before the respondents herein by way of legal notices dated 15.02.2020 (Annexures P-4 to P-6) but till date, no action has been taken.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Akshita Chauhan, AAG, Punjab who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice for the respondents.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without going into merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondents to decide the grievance as raised by the petitioners in legal notices dated 15.02.2020 (Annexures P-4 to P-6) within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order by passing a speaking order.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

August 20, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No