

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

CWP-18392-2020

Date of Decision: November 03, 2020

VIKAS KUMAR

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition is for directing the respondents to release death-cum-retirement gratuity amount along with interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's mother was working as Beldar with respondent no.2 and she passed away on 18.09.2016. Despite the death-cum-retirement gratuity amount being sanctioned by the Office of Accountant General of Punjab vide order dated 28.08.2018, the same is not being released. It is submitted that representation dated 11.11.2019 (Annexure P-4) was also submitted but to no avail.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, Asstt. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 and 2. Advance copy of the paper book stands supplied.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer to a decision by the authorities on the representation dated 11.11.2019 (Annexure P-4), in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited prayer addressed, but without any expression of opinion on merits, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide representation dated 11.11.2019 (Annexure P-4) within one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. The amount as may be found due, be released within three weeks thereafter.

This writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

03.11.2020

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(LISA GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No