

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

(Proceedings conducted through Video Conference)

CWP No. 19609 of 2020

Date of Decision: 18.11.2020

Neha Sharma

---Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

---Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

**Present: Mr. Rajesh Bhateja, Advocate
for the petitioner**

Rekha Mittal, J.

The petitioner by invoking Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India prays for direction to respondent No. 2 to terminate the services of Sunil Kumar-respondent No. 4, who was given appointment on compassionate grounds due to death of Prahlad Chand alias Pramod Chander on 1.4.2013.

The petitioner has claimed herself to be widowed daughter-in-law of Prahlad Chand alias Pramod Chander whose husband died on 26.12.2005, just about seven months of her marriage with Vikram Sharma on 1.5.2005. The sole contention raised by the petitioner is that in affidavits (Annexure P-1 and P-2) filed by Smt. Ram Murti and Mrs. Reena Rani, family members of Prahlad Chand alias Pramod Chander, they have not disclosed the factum of late Vikram Sharma having left behind his widow, petitioner herein, and a child born out of wedlock of Vikram Sharma and petitioner on 13.6.2006.

Counsel for the petitioner, in response to a query, would fairly inform that as per the policy issued by the State of Punjab with regard to appointment on compassionate basis, there is no provision that a widowed daughter-in-law or grand child of the deceased is also entitle to claim job in place of the deceased employee. As a matter of fact, it appears that the present litigation has been initiated by a widowed daughter-in-law of the family who must have cultivated differences with her in laws family members, to express her frustration.

For the foregoing reasons, finding no merit, the petition is dismissed.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

18.11.2020

PARAMJIT

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No