

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

CWP-20034-2020.
Date of Decision:-25.11.2020.

Subhash Chander

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Rajesh Kumar Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner, a Beldar in B.B.M.B. Hospital, Talwara, Tehsil Mukerian, District Hoshiarpur, sought release of a sum of ₹ 7,00,000/- by way of advance from his GPF account in relation to the marriage of his daughter, vide application dated 22.06.2020 (Annexure P-1). His grievance presently is that the respondent-authorities have not taken any action thereon.

Perusal of the record reflects that the petitioner got issued legal notice dated 16.07.2020 (Annexure P-2) to the authorities in this regard but it appears that they remained unmoved.

It is not open to the authorities to remain somnolent when an employee seeks release of an advance amount from his GPF account due to family necessities. As the authorities concerned are yet to take a decision in the matter, no cause is made out to entertain this writ petition for adjudication on merits.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Chief Engineer, Ranjit Sagar Dam, Shahpur Kandi, Tehsil and District Pathankot, and the Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, Ranjit Sagar Dam, Shahpur Kandi, Tehsil and District Pathankot, respondent Nos.2 and 4 herein, to consider the petitioner's request for release of an advance amount of ₹ 7,00,000/- from his GPF account, as borne out by his application dated 22.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) and his legal notice dated 16.07.2020 (Annexure P-2) and take appropriate action thereon in accordance with law. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

November 25, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.