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

CWP-21152-2020

Date of Decision: December 09, 2020

BABA BANDA SINGH BAHADUR ENGINEERING COLLEGE

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Gitish Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Chatrath, Addl. 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 issuance of an appropriate direction for release of the amount of Rs.5,40,61,450/- against the payment stated to be due towards Post Matric Scholarship for SC/BC Students Scheme for the year 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 along with interest for the delayed payment.

Learned counsel for the petitioner refers to notification dated 22.07.2016 (Annexure P-1) and submits that the petitioner-institution had enrolled the requisite students, free of cost and in addition to refundable fees, no other charges have been levied. It is submitted that sanction had

been issued from time to time by the respondents, however, the amount due towards the petitioner in terms of the Scheme in question has not been released despite representations.

At this stage, learned counsel for the State, to whom an advance copy of the petition has been supplied, informs that the matter regarding reimbursement in respect to the Scheme is under consideration.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case as noted above, it is considered appropriate at this stage to direct the respondent-authorities to take a conclusive decision on the matter in a time bound manner. This writ petition is thus disposed of, without any expression of opinion on merits of the matter, with a direction that the present writ petition be treated as a representation on behalf of the petitioner and competent authority shall take a final decision thereon, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

09.12.2020

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(LISA GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No