

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.3737 of 2021
Date of decision: 18.02.2021

Manjinder Kaur

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.
(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court on account of restrictions due to COVID-19).

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Manjinder Kaur, stated to be aged 46 years, has filed present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant family pension, gratuity and other benefits to the petitioner under the Civil Services Rules, and release all the arrears with interest at the rate of 18% per annum till the date of actual payment, along with further relief as mentioned in the present writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner by making reference to the pleadings in the petition submits that petitioner is the widow of late Sh. Jagjit Singh, who was recruited as SPO on 17.07.1992. Vide order dated 19.11.1997 (Annexure P-1) the husband of the petitioner was enlisted as Constable and he, however, expired on 07.12.2010. The prayer of the

petitioner is that she be considered and granted family pension. In this regard, she had submitted a representation dated 02.06.2020 (Annexure P-4) upon respondent No.3-The Commandant, 80th Battalion, PAP, District Jalandhar.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Anju Arora, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents-State through video conferencing.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances as noticed above, the present writ petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.3-Commandant 80th Battalion, PAP, District Jalandhar, to consider the representation dated 02.06.2020 (Annexure P-4) and decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of *three months*, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No