

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

Civil Writ Petition No. 5022 of 2021

Date of Decision: March 03 , 2021.

Kiranjit Kaur

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sandeep Thakhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

LISA GILL, J.

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

It is submitted that the petitioner's husband, who was working as a Peon with the respondent-authorities died while in service on 14.12.2013. Though appointment on compassionate basis was afforded to the petitioner, gratuity, leave encashment and other benefits due qua the petitioner's husband have not been released till date. Learned counsel submits that legal notice dated 20.12.2020 (Annexure P4) in this regard has been served upon the respondent-authorities, but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on legal notice dated 20.12.2020 in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab, to whom advance copy of the petition stands supplied, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and does not raise any serious objection to the restricted prayer.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as well as the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide legal notice dated 20.12.2020 (Annexure P4), in accordance with law by passing a speaking order, within a period of two months from date of receipt of certified copy of the order. Benefits, if any, be released to the petitioner within four weeks thereafter.

March 03 , 2021.
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(**LISA GILL**)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No