

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.8355 of 2021
Date of decision: 22.04.2021

Santosh Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

(Through video conferencing)

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Aman Dhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the prayer of the petitioner is for the issuance of a direction to the respondents to grant the family pension to the petitioner after the death of her mother namely late Soma Devi, who was working as a Sweeper in the Nagar Council, Sri Muktsar Sahib. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the mother of the petitioner namely, Soma Devi retired from the service of the Nagar Council Sri Muktsar Sahib on 31.05.2014 and, thereafter, was granted the benefit of pension but, before her pension could be finalized, she unfortunately died on 28.07.2014. After her death, the petitioner, who is an unmarried daughter of Soma Devi became entitled for the family pension. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the last approximately 07 years, the petitioner is running from pillar to post but, the benefit of family pension is yet to be granted to her despite the fact that all the required formalities have already been completed.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that she has instructions from Mr. Bipin Kumar, respondent No.3 that the case of the petitioner for the grant of family pension will be completed within a period of two days and will be sent to the respondent No.2. Learned counsel for the respondent-State further submits that after the case is received by the respondent No.2, all the necessary formalities will be completed for the issuance of family pension along with arrears to the petitioner within a period of two months from today.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement made by the learned counsel for the respondents, the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed and he does not want to press the present writ petition any further and the same be disposed of as such.

Learned counsel for the petitioner seeks liberty to approach the respondents in case, the petitioner is not granted the benefit of interest on the delayed payments.

Dismissed as not pressed with liberty as prayed for.

April 22, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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