

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

CRM-M-17392-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 27.04.2021

Deepinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. C.S. Jattana, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer in the present petition is for issuance of necessary direction to respondent No. 3 to consider and decide the representation dated 28.12.2020 (Annexure P-10) filed by the petitioner against respondent No. 5 to 7, which is pending before respondent No. 3 and to take legal action against respondents No. 5 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner and respondent No. 5 are the co-villagers. A list of the labourers under MANREGA Scheme was supplied to the petitioner under the RTI Act by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer, Faridkot, wherein two dead persons-Vidya and Amarjit Kaur, were shown to be working under the Scheme. As per the list, Vidya wife of Jeet Singh and Amarjit Kaur wife of Darshan Singh, died on 17.11.2018 and 19.04.2019, respectively, but the payments against the wages stood withdrawn upto 26.02.2020. Job Card

Nos. PB-12-005-060-001/175 and PB-12-005-060-001/153 pertained to Vidya and Amarjit Kaur, respectively. The death certificates of Vidya and Amarjit Kaur issued by the Chief Registrar, Births and Deaths, Punjab, and the affidavits of Darshan Singh, husband of Amarjit Kaur and Kishan Singh, son of Vidya, have been placed on record as Annexure P-3 to P-6, which indicate that Amarjit Kaur and Vidya, had died. However, despite that, they had been marked present on the portal register.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that he would be satisfied, if respondent No. 4 is directed to look into the matter.

Notice of motion to respondent No. 4 only at this state.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. H. S. Sitta, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent No. 4.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4-Director Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar (Mohali), to look into the matter, as to how, two dead persons Vidya and Amarjit Kaur had been still kept on the roll and shown as doing the work under MNREGA Scheme, by treating the present petition as a representation and pass an appropriate order, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

Respondent No. 4 shall also ensure, a strict action against the erring official(s), if any.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

27.04.2021

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No