

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

**CWP-10361-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.05.2021**

Neeru Singla

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Monica Chhibber Sharma, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

As per averments made in the petition, husband of the petitioner, namely, Subhash Chander Singla retired from the Department of Irrigation, State of Punjab on 30.04.2018 while serving as Sub Divisional Officer. At that point of time, the employer had already resorted to a sealed cover procedure on account of pendency of a Court case. Subhash Chander Singla (Since deceased) was acquitted by the trial Court on 14.03.2018 and consequent to which he was granted promotion to the post of Executive Engineer w.e.f. 17.06.2017.

Husband of the petitioner unfortunately expired on 22.06.2020.

Instant petition is at the hands of the widow seeking issuance of directions to the respondents to release admissible retiral benefits in the nature of gratuity, GPF GIS amount, commutation, arrears of revised pay,

pension, leave encashment etc. Further averment is also with regard to release of benefits on account of ante-dated promotion granted to her deceased husband on the post of Executive Engineer w.e.f. 17.06.2017.

Counsel raises a submission that a legal notice dated 05.05.2021 (Annexure P-9) has already been served and he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the claim in an expeditious manner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Monica Chhibber Sharma, learned Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 5 and waives service.

A complete copy of the petition already stands served.

Learned State counsel makes a statement that the competent authority would examine the legal notice dated 05.05.2021 (Annexure P-9) in accordance with law and a final decision would be taken positively within a period of two months from today and would be duly conveyed to the petitioner.

Statement is accepted.

No further directions are required to be passed.

Petition disposed of.

27.05.2021

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |