

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA ATCHANDIGARH

CWP-13787-2021

Date of Decision: July 27, 2021

ASTHA TOKAS

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Amardeep Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

LISA GILL, J.

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

Prayer in this writ petition is for directing the respondents to include Youth Asian Games/Para Youth Asian Games in the Cash Award Table No.III in notification dated 05.09.2019 (Annexure P1).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that eligibility criteria as contained in Clause I of abovesaid notification finds mention of Youth Asian Games. Petitioner, it is submitted has represented the State of Haryana in Youth Asian Para Games and has won gold and silver medals. Therefore, she is entitled to the cash awards. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in the earlier applicable policy, 'Youth Asian Para Games' was duly mentioned in the Table of cash awards to sports persons. It is contended that omission to mention these games in the relevant

table, while the same are duly mentioned in the eligibility clause is probably due to oversight. Various representations are stated to have been submitted but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on her representation dated 16.09.2019 (Annexure P-2), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of both the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served. Learned counsel for the State submits that in case a comprehensive representation is received, same shall be looked into and dealt with in accordance with law.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, it is directed that present writ petition be treated to be a representation on behalf of petitioner and competent authority shall look into the matter and after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of two months from receipt of certified copy of this order. In case of a decision adverse to the petitioner, same be by way of a speaking order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

27.07.2021

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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No