

CWP-17291-2021

Date of decision: 03.09.2021

Sukhraj Singh Dhani

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** Mr. P.S. Thiara, Advocate
for the petitioner.**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of an appropriate writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing the letter dated 02.03.2021 (Annexure P-8) passed by respondent No.4 and further for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to release/disburse the service benefits of the deceased-Lovleen Kaur such as Death-cum-retirement Gratuity, Ex-gratia and DLI etc to the petitioner being nominee of his sister along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State. Copy supplied.

Heard.

Upon hearing learned counsel of both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to the official respondents to consider the legal notice dated 17.02.2020 (Annexure P-7) as representation and representation dated 07.07.2020 (Annexure P-9) moved by the petitioner and decide the same in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

If found entitled and if there is no impediment for the release of payment, the same be granted to the petitioner without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

03.09.2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No