

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

CWP No.23546 of 2021

Date of decision: 22nd November, 2021

Puneet Sharma & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Ms. Sunakshi Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Vikram Anand, Advocate for the petitioners.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners have invoked the writ jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking appropriate writ of mandamus for issuance of directions to the respondents to release the retiral benefits, arrears of leave encashment and gratuity along with interest @ 24% p.a., further to pay ex-gratia amount of ₹ 50,00,000/- on account of death of Mr.Satish Kumar Sharma due to Covid while serving in the department in view of instructions of the Finance Department (Annexure P4) and letter dated 22.03.2021 issued by Department of Local Govt. Punjab; as well as to decide the legal notice dated 06.08.2021 (Annexure P-8).

Heard.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Simran Grewal, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents. Copy of the paper book has been supplied to her.

Upon hearing learned counsel for both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with direction to the official respondents to consider the legal notice dated 06.08.2021 (Annexure P8), as representation of the petitioners 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 a 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 petitioners without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

November 22, 2021

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