

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

CWP-1792-2022

Date of decision: 02.02.2022

Urmil Batish

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Ishan Gupta, 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 Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* for issuance of directions to the respondents to grant 384 earned leaves to the petitioner as available to her on 31.10.2019, during her extension in service, as provided under the Punjab Civil Service Rules Volume-I (Part-1) Chapter VIII, 8.21 (b) along with all arrears of pay and consequential benefits with interest @ 12 per annum and further the leave of 62 days (ex-India) on account of nationwide lockdown and suspension of international flights imposed by Government of

India on account of COVID-19 pandemic, be not deducted from the earned leaves rather said period be treated as on duty.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, DAG, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State.

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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 19.10.2021 (Annexure P-8) as representation 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 relief, the same be granted to the petitioner without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

02.02.2022

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