

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

Sr. No.209

CWP-4002-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision : 08.02.2022

Baba Banda Singh Bahadur Polytechnic College

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Gitish Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Chatrath, Addl. AG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks release of an amount Rs.1,20,11,445/- against Post Matric Scholarship for SC, BC Students Scheme payable for the years 2017-18 till 2019-20.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has relied upon sanctions for the relevant academic sessions issued by the Social Justice & Empowerment Department of the Government of Punjab, copy annexed as Annexures P-3 to P-5. It is his case that even after the sanction has been granted, the money has not been released. Even representation dated 23.04.2020 (Annexure P-6) followed by representation dated 14.08.2020 (Annexure P-7) have not yielded any positive result.

It is further submitted that in a similar case, the Court has disposed of the writ petition with a direction to the State of Punjab to consider the pending representations within a time bound manner and dispose of the same by passing a speaking order.

Written statement has not been filed despite repeated opportunities. On the previous date, it had been recorded that if, the written statement is not filed on or before the next date of hearing, the defence shall be struck off.

Since, the order has not been complied with, the defence is struck off.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the State of Punjab to consider the sanction orders (Annexures P-3 to P-5) in conjunction with the representation dated 23.04.2020 (Annexure P-6) and representation dated 14.08.2020 (Annexure P-7) and dispose of the same by passing a speaking order within eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. If, amount is found to be payable, the same shall be released within a further period of two weeks.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

08.02.2022

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No