

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

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**CWP-5736-2022
Date of decision : 22.03.2022**

PREETI GOYAL AND ORS

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present :- Mr. Siddharth Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the mother of the petitioner namely, Shakuntla Devi (now deceased) had worked with the respondents. Petitioners are the legal heirs of Shakuntla Devi, who had served respondent No.5 and became entitled for service benefits in respect of the service rendered by her, however, she died on 26.12.2012 while being in service of respondent No.5, and no benefit of the service rendered by Shakuntla Devi has been extended to legal heirs, till date and that too without any valid justification. The prayer of the petitioners is for release of all service benefits to which the deceased was entitled along with family pension and any other sum due to the deceased, if any, in favour of the legal heirs in respect of the service rendered by Shakuntla Devi.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the grievance which has been raised in the present petition has already been raised before the respondents in the shape of legal notice dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P/7), which is still pending consideration with the respondents

and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the said legal notice by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents-State and states that the legal notice dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P/7) submitted by the petitioners will be decided within a period of eight weeks from today and in case, after the decision, it is found that any action needs to be taken, the same will also be taken without any further delay.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners, respondent No.2 is directed to decide legal notice dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P/7) submitted by the petitioners by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and in case the petitioners are found entitled for any benefit, the same be released to them within a period of four weeks thereafter.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

22.03.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No