

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

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**CWP-5873-2022
Date of decision : 23.03.2022**

RAMANDEEP KAUR

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present :- Mr. Deepak Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

(through video conferencing)

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was entitled for the release of the family pension in respect of the service rendered by her late husband-Gurdev Singh, who unfortunately died because of Covid-19 on 18.11.2020. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner who herself is HIV positive, is suffering financial difficulties as the benefits in respect of the service rendered her late husband-Gurdev Singh are not being released to her by the respondents and the petitioner has already issued a legal notice on 07.02.2022 (Annexure P-4) to the respondents in this regard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents-State and submits that it is the Department of Irrigation, who has to release the pensionary benefits but no claim has been made by the

petitioner to the said department so far and therefore, the petitioner be directed to approach the respondent-Department of Irrigation in respect of the grievance which has been raised by the petitioner and in case, the petitioner files any representation with the department concerned, the same will be disposed of in a time bound manner within a period of eight weeks of the receipt of the same by passing an appropriate order and in case the petitioner is found entitled for, the benefit will be released to her.

Faced with this situation, learned counsel for the petitioner prays that he be allowed to withdraw this petition with liberty to approach the concerned department to raise the grievance as raised in the present petition. The present petition is disposed of with liberty as prayed for.

It is made clear that the respondents will be bound by the statement as recorded herein with regard to deciding the representation in a time bound manner in case the same is filed by the petitioner.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

23.03.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No