

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

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CWP-11823-2022

Date of Decision :27.05.2022

Surinder Kaur**..Petitioner**

Versus

State of Punjab and others**...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Harpal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the husband of the petitioner was working with the department of Rural Development and Panchayat Department, Punjab and unfortunately died on 16.12.2018 while in service. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite the expiry of more than three years from the death of husband of the petitioner, the benefits in respect of the services rendered by her late husband has not been extended to her by the respondents and that too without any valid justification. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner is entitled for gratuity as well as other benefits including family pension but, the same are not being released to her despite there being any impediment in the release of the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already raised the said grievance before the respondents by way of

serving a legal notice dated 20.04.2022 (Annexure P/4), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondent No.2 to decide the said legal notice.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 20.04.2022 (Annexure P/4) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in her legal notice, respondent No.2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 20.04.2022 (Annexure P/4) by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order. In case after the decision it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any benefit, the same will be extended to her within a period of next four weeks.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

May 27, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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