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

CWP-14271-2022

Date of Decision: 08.07.2022

Rekha Devi

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Amardeep Hooda, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that late husband of the petitioner, namely Sanjeev Kumar, was working with the respondent-Department and he unfortunately died on 14.12.2009, while he was in service. Learned counsel further argues that after death of the petitioner's husband, she was granted the financial compassionate assistance by the respondent-Department for a period of twelve years, i.e. up to 13.12.2021, after which date the petitioner was entitled for the grant of family pension to her in respect of the services rendered by her late husband with the respondent-Department, but no action has been taken so far in this regard by the respondent-Department, despite the fact that there is no impediment in releasing the said benefit to the petitioner, hence the respondents are liable to be directed to release the said benefit of family pension in favour of the petitioner forthwith along with the interest from the date the petitioner became entitled for the grant of said benefit.

grievance has also been raised by the petitioner before respondents No.2 to 4 by serving legal notice dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-3), which is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned and the petitioner will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 15.06.2022, by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Harish Nain, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the State and raises no objection, in case prayer made hereinbefore on behalf of the petitioner for deciding the legal notice dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-3) in a time bound manner is accepted.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and without going into merits of the claim as raised by the petitioner in the present case as well as in the legal notice dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-3), this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the legal notice dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-3), filed by the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled for any benefit, the same be also released in her favour within a period of four weeks thereafter.

08.07.2022*Apurva***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No