

AMANPREET KAUR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: Ms. Veena Kumari, Advocate
for the petitioner.Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate
for the respondent No. 1.Ms. Hemant Bassi, Advocate and
Ms. Aashima Narula, Advocate
for respondent No. 3.**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J (ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950 directing the respondents to grant compensation to the petitioner who is an acid attack survivor having suffered from 50% permanent disability, loss of vision in one eye and face being defaced due to the acid attack.

Learned counsel for respondents contends that the applicable compensation in terms of the State policy as well as the additional compensation payable to the victim under the Central Government Victim Compensation Fund Scheme (CVCF), already stands disbursed to the petitioner .

The aforesaid contention is not disputed by the counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner. She, however, contends that as per the State policy, all expenses towards medical treatment have to be reimbursed. It is contended that the petitioner is to be administered medical treatment at Fortis Hospital, Mohali.

As per the previous policy, it is a case of reimbursement whereas the petitioner in

the present case is incapable of incurring the requisite expenditure and to, thereafter, seek the reimbursement thereof. She refers to an order dated 10.05.2018 passed in ***CWP-26969-2016*** titled '***Ramandeep Kaur Vs. State of Punjab***' to contend that the Punjab State Legal Services Authority may be called upon to make necessary arrangements for treatment of the petitioner at the hospital in terms of the applicable policy so that the disbursement of medical expenses can be done by the Legal Services Authority to the concerned hospital. The same shall expedite medial treatment of the petitioner.

Taking into consideration the prayer made by the petitioner the fact that the State Policy contemplates the reimbursement of medical expenses as incurred, it is not likely to cause any prejudice to the Legal Services Authourity for making appropriate arrangements for the treatment of the petitioner as per the applicable policy relating to the reimbursement of the medical expenses. The petitioner may, if so advised, submit the necessary details with the Punjab State Legal Services Authority and the details of the hospital where such treatment is to be extended. The coordination of such treatment shall be overseen by the Punjab State Legal Services Authority upon such an application being moved so that the medical treatment of the petitioner is not held up for want of medical expenses.

The instant petition is accordingly disposed of with direction as aforesaid.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

09 November, 2022

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>