

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

CWP-14967-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: July 29, 2022

ParkashKaur

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Chandan Deep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. K.K. Bheniwala, Additional AG, Punjab.

Mr. Ish Puneet Singh, Advocate for respondent No.4.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing respondent No.2 to hear the petition dated 06.04.2022 (Annexure P-5) filed under Section 22 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 ('Act' for short) read with Section 22(2)(i) of the Punjab Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Rules, 2012 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioner from her daughter-in-law (respondent No.3), alleging that Tribunal below is not entertaining her application under the Act *ibid*.

2. Written reply dated 29.07.2022 on behalf of respondent No.2, tendered in course of hearing, is taken on record. Copy of the same has been handed over to the counsel opposite.

3. Ms. Surabhi Malik, respondent No.2-District Magistrate, Ludhiana appears in person and states that she joined as Deputy

Commissioner, Ludhiana on 13.04.2022 and the petitioner in fact never approached her and it was Additional Deputy Commission, Jagraon whom she approached. Even the concerned ADC has also been transferred and new incumbent has now joined. She submits that during interregnum of the writ proceedings, a postal application was received from the petitioner and the same has been taken due cognizance of, under the Act and proceedings have been initiated.

4. In the premise, writ petition is rendered infructuous and is disposed of, accordingly. It is expected of the Tribunal/ ADC to proceed further, as expeditiously as possible, without granting any unnecessary adjournment.

5. Disposed of.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

July 29, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No