

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

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CWP-24364-2022

Date of decision: 20.10.2022

POONAM RANI

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

**PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK SONIPAT MAIN BRANCH
THROUGH ITS AUTHORIZED OFFICER**

.....Respondent

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

Present:- None.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of directions to the respondent to decide the representation/legal notice dated 21.09.2022 (Annexure P-4) before the Manager, Punjab National Bank.

A perusal of the petition shows that the mother of the petitioner had expired on 01.06.2021 and she was having a fixed deposit bearing No. 044300PU00060851 wherein the petitioner was the nominee. She approached the respondent-Branch Manager for release of the FDs. An affidavit in this regard is also submitted by the petitioner. She sufficiently waited for the response of the respondents to take a decision on the aforesaid terms and conditions, however, since no action was taken thereupon, legal notice dated 21.09.2022 was sent by the petitioner to the Branch Manager of the Punjab National Bank, Sonipat Main Branch. The prayer is thus made in the present petition

that the said Branch Manager may be directed to decide the said legal notice and to apprise the reasons for non-release of the fixed deposit in favour of the nominee.

Local Bar Association is abstaining from work today.

However taking into consideration the circumstances set out in the present petition and the fact that a legal notice has already been served by the petitioner to respondent-Punjab National Bank, Sonipat, Main Branch through its authorized Officer, District Sonipat, it is deemed appropriate at the first instance to dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent-Punjab National Bank, Sonipat Main Branch through its authorized Officer, District Sonipat to examine the grievance espoused by the petitioner in the Legal Notice dated 21.09.2022 (Annexure P-4) and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon within a period of 03 months of the receipt of certified copy of this order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

Needless to mention that in the event any amount is found payable, the same shall be released forthwith and preferably within a period of 03 months of such a decision being taken by the respondent-authorities.

The petition is accordingly disposed of.

OCTOBER 20, 2022

Vishal sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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