

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

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CWP No.27089 of 2022

Date of decision: 24.11.2022

Smt. Sawitri Devi

....Petitioner

V/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Sumit Kalyan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

At the outset, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner restricts his prayer for deciding the legal notice dated 30.08.2022 (Annexure P-1). He would submit that the petitioner would be satisfied, at this stage, if the said legal notice is decided by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to that limited extent.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and waives service.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.4 and waives service. He submits that respondent No.4/Competent Authority will look into the matter and will take a decision on the legal notice of the petitioner in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion or going into the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners in the present petition or in the legal notice, respondent No.4/Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide

the claim made in the legal notice dated 30.08.2022 (Annexure P-1) as well as the claim for interest on delayed payment of arrears, in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that in case, after the decision, petitioner is found entitled for any benefits, the same be paid to her within a period of four weeks thereafter, as per law.

The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

November 24, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether reportable:	No