

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANAAT
CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-2541-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 08.02.2023

SANJEETA KUMARI

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Neeraj Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant six months maternity leave to the petitioner, as per the Haryana Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner has given birth to a third child, yet the fact remains that as per the amended Rules, 2016, the maternity leave can also be granted at the time of birth of the third child as well and that the petitioner has not availed maternity leave earlier.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has moved a representation dated 10.01.2023 (Annexure P-2) for redressal of her grievance, but to no avail. He confines his prayer that the respondents be directed to decide the aforesaid representation, within a stipulated time period.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. RS Budhwar, Additional AG Haryana, accepts notice and submits that he has no objection if the aforesaid limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner is allowed.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

Without going into the merits of the case, respondent No.2-Director, Higher Education Haryana, is hereby directed to decide the representation dated 10.01.2023 moved by the petitioner, within a period of four weeks, from the date of the receipt of the certified copy of this order, as per law.

Disposed of in the above terms.

08.02.2023	(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)	
Aman Jain	JUDGE	
<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>