

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

CWP-9259-2023

Date of Decision: 21.07.2023

Gurwinder Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Kehar Singh Hissowal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Neha Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Indresh Goyal, Advocate
for the respondents.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus*, directing respondent No.2 to consider legal notice dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) issued on behalf of the petitioners regarding payment of *ex-gratia* amount of Rs.3,00,000/- and Rs.20,000/- funeral expenses, regarding the death of Late Sadhu Singh (father of petitioner No.1) and Rs.3,00,000/- *ex-gratia* amount and Rs.20,000/- funeral expenses, regarding the death of Late Satpal Singh (father of petitioner No.2), who were the members of respondent No.2/Board, to the petitioners, being the legal heirs and nominees of deceased Sadhu Singh and Satpal Singh.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that as

regards the relief claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) upon respondent No.2; however, the same has not been decided till date. It is submitted that the petitioners would be satisfied at this stage, if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider/decide the aforesaid legal notice dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-5), in a time bound manner.

3. At this stage, Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Additional Advocate General, Punjab appears and submits that in case, the aforesaid legal notice dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) has been served and received in the concerned Office then the same shall be looked into/decided, in accordance with law, by the concerned authority and an appropriate speaking order will be passed.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the paper book with their able assistance.

5. Since the petitioners claim to have served a legal notice dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) upon the concerned authority (respondent No.2), accordingly, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition by directing respondent No.2, i.e. The Director/Head, Punjab Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Labour Bhawan Model Welfare Centre, Phase 10 (Sector 64), Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali), Punjab, to look into, consider and decide the aforesaid legal notice dated 28.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) by passing a speaking order within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order. It goes without saying that in case, the petitioners are entitled to any relief, the same may be granted to them, in accordance with law.

- 6. Present petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.
- 7. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

21.07.2023
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes/No