

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

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CWP-9819-2023 (O&M).**Date of Decision: 08.05.2023.****THALJIT SINGH**

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Sudesh Sahi, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed for seeking issuance of directions to the respondent to take a decision on the representation dated 23.12.2022 (Annexure P-4) with a further direction to the respondents to change the name of nominee in the pension account of the petitioner for receiving family pension.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has retired as a Physical Education Teacher from Senior Secondary School, Raqba, District Ludhiana on 01.10.2006 and that he is being disbursed pension through the Treasury Office, Ludhiana. The same is being received in his bank account from the office of the Accountant General (A&E) Punjab, Chandigarh and lifetime arrears of the pension from the office vide PPO No.195609/PB and the monthly pension is also being credited to his account in the Punjab National Bank, Boparai Kalan, Tehsil Jagraon,

District Ludhiana. He further contends that the petitioner had earlier nominated Smt. Joginder Kaur, his first wife as the nominee. However, Smt. Joginder Kaur expired on 07.07.2017 due to illness. The death certificate of Smt. Joginder Kaur is appended as Annexure P-1. He further submits that the petitioner had no children from the first wife and as there was no person to take care of the petitioner, he decided to get remarried with Smt. Harmit Kaur daughter of Charan Singh on 19.08.2022. The marriage certificate dated 17.11.2022 has also been attached as Annexure P-2. It is contended that pursuant to the remarriage, the petitioner had decided to change the details of the nominee in the pension account and accordingly approached respondent No.4 i.e. the Principal of Senior Secondary School, Raqba, District Ludhiana for updating the nominee details in the pension account. However, no action was taken thereupon. Resultantly, a representation was submitted again on 23.12.2022.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that he would be satisfied, at this juncture, in case the respondent-Authorities i.e. the Principal of Senior Secondary School, Raqba, District Ludhiana, is directed to forward the representation/request of the petitioner to respondent No.2 i.e. the Principal Account General (A&E), Punjab and a final decision is taken upon such representation in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G. Punjab, enters appearance on behalf of the respondents. He submits that Mrs. Rupinder Sandhu, the Principal of Senior Secondary School, Raqba, District Ludhiana, is present in the Court and that she undertakes to forward the request of the petitioner within a period of 02 weeks from today to the office of respondent No.2 i.e.

the Principal Account General (A&E), Punjab by whom a final decision regarding carrying out necessary changes in the nominee details is to be taken.

Taking into consideration the prayer made by the petitioner, with the consent of the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4- Principal of Senior Secondary School, Raqba, District Ludhiana, to forward the request of the petitioner within a period of 02 weeks from today to the office of respondent No.2 i.e. the Principal Account General (A&E), Punjab, Himalaya Marg, Chandigarh and that on receipt of such request the office of respondent No.2 i.e. the Principal Account General (A&E), Punjab, shall take a decision thereupon within a period of 03 months thereafter, after granting an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

May 08, 2023.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No