

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

**CWP No.12796 of 2017 (O&M)
and other connected cases
Date of decision: 13.04.2023**

Anil Kumar

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishal Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner (in CWP-5832 of 2021)

Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s) (in CWP-17535, 18527, 18901, 19688,
20199 of 2021, 3444 of 2019, 37939, 37435 and 5758 of 2018).

Mr. Vikas Arora, AAG, Punjab

Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate,
for respondent-PUNGRAIN.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

1. On 23.03.2023, the following order was passed:-

“1. Though, an adjournment slip has been filed by the learned counsel representing the petitioner, however, the learned State counsel has brought to the notice of the Court that for considering the cases of the dependents/legal heirs of the deceased P.R. Chowkidars (temporary) for appointment on compassionate grounds, a Committee headed by the Joint Secretary (Headquarter), Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, has been constituted. He submits that

there are approximately 23 identical writ petitions which are pending before this Court. He submits that those writ petitions can, conveniently, be decided by directing the Committee to decide the petitioners' claim, at the first instance. The learned State counsel has supplied the list of the writ petitions, which is extracted as under:-

Sr. No. Case Number Parties Name

1. CWP-12796-2017 Anil Kumar v. State of Punjab
2. CWP-23026-2017 Jaswinder Singh v. State of Punjab
3. CWP-5758-2018 Akwant Kaur v. State of Punjab
4. CWP-15874-2018 Amar Kumar v. State of Punjab
5. CWP-37272-2018 Sukhpal Kaur v. State of Punjab
6. CWP-37435-2018 Rubal Kumar v. State of Punjab
7. CWP-37939-2018 Harpreet Kaur v. State of Punjab
8. CWP-40593-2018 Lakhwinder Singh v. State of Punjab
9. CWP-3444-2019 Deepak Sachdeva v. State of Punjab
10. CWP-3707-2019 Akashdeep v. State of Punjab
11. CWP-4238-2019 Jarnail Kaur v. State of Punjab
12. CWP-15672-2019 Kamaldeep Singh v. State of Punjab
13. CWP-4032-2020 Satbir Singh v. State of Punjab
14. CWP-4165-2020 Jaswinder Singh v. State of Punjab
15. CWP-5832-2021 Tek Chand v. State of Punjab
16. CWP-17535-2021 Gurwinder Singh v. State of Punjab
17. CWP-18901-2021 Mohamad Islam v. State of Punjab
18. CWP-18527-2021 Amarjit Singh v. State of Punjab
19. CWP-19104-2021 Ranjodh Singh v. State of Punjab
20. CWP-19688-2021 Mandeep Singh v. State of Punjab
21. CWP-20199-2021 Manpreet Singh v. State of Punjab
22. CWP-23083-2021 Lakhwinder Singh v. State of Punjab
23. CWP-221-2022 Jaswinder Singh v. State of Punjab

2. While adjourning this writ petition, the Registrar (Judicial) is requested to solicit orders of the Hon'ble Chief Justice for listing all those connected writ petitions on 14.04.2023, in the urgent list, before the appropriate

Bench after informing the learned counsel representing the parties. It shall be open to the learned State counsel to give the list of additional writ petitions involving the identical issues to the Registrar (Judicial) to enable the office to list all the connected cases together.”

2. The learned counsels representing the parties submit that they have no objection if these writ petitions are disposed of by directing the members of the Committee constituted by the State for considering the petitioner's claim at the first instance. However, the learned counsels representing the petitioner(s) submit that the decision should be taken expeditiously.
3. Keeping in view the consensus arrived at between the parties, all the writ petitions in this batch are disposed of while directing the Committee to decide the petitioner's claim, positively, within a period of 8 weeks.
4. Disposed of accordingly.
5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

April 13, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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