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

CWP-18556-2023

Date of Decision: 24.08.2023

Gurnam Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Deepanshu Mehta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSH BUNGER J.

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus*, directing the office of respondent No.2 to 6 to release the amount of compensation as per entitlement under the Welfare Scheme *qua* Accidental Disability Insurance Amount to the petitioner.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as regards the relief claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served a legal notice dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) upon the respondents, however, the same has not been decided till date. It is submitted that the petitioner would be satisfied at this stage, if a direction is issued to respondents No.2 to 6 to consider/decide the aforesaid legal notice dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4), in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. At the asking of Court, Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State and submits that in case, the aforesaid legal notice dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) 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.

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

6. Since the petitioner claims to have served a legal notice dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) upon the concerned authority, 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. Principal Secretary, Labour Department, Punjab, Labour Bhawan Model Welfare Center, Phase-10, Sector 64, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali, to look into, consider and decide the aforesaid legal notice dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) 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 petitioner is entitled to any relief, the same may be granted to him, in accordance with law.

7. Present petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

8. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

24.08.2023

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No