

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

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**CWP-20873-2023**

**Date of decision: 18.09.2023**

RUCHIKA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

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Present:- None.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner has approached this Court for seeking directions to the respondents to release the arrears of salary for the period of two months i.e. August, 2022 and September, 2022 alongwith interest from the date when they fell due till its actual realization. A further prayer has also been made that the respondents may be directed to decide the representation (Annexure P-3 to P-10) that have been submitted by her regarding release of the said arrears.

It has been averred in the present petition that she had been appointed as Child Development Project Officer in the Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development, Government of Punjab on 26.03.2013. She joined on 01.04.2013. She has served with the respondents from 01.04.2013 till 10.10.2022 at various offices. The work and conduct of the petitioner has remained outstanding throughout her service career without any adverse remarks ever being communicated.

The petitioner submitted her resignation from the post of on 10.10.2022 with immediate effect and due to certain personal reasons. A letter in this regard was submitted by her on the same date alongwith an E-mail. She was then serving as Child Development Project Officer, Balachaur. As per the terms and conditions of service, the services of the petitioner could be terminated by the Department by giving a 30 days notice or either party can seek termination of the services by depositing/paying the salary in lieu of the notice period to the other party.

In her letter dated 10.10.2022, the petitioner had given an undertaking with respect to the forfeiture of her salary equivalent to the notice period and requested the respondent No.2 to release her salary which is pending from the last 06 months, however, the same was pending. The petitioner submitted her numerous representations to the respondents for release of salary alongwith outstanding dues such as NPS and arrears of salary as per the 6<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission. However, no decision has been taken thereupon nor any reply has been communicated to her.

Taking into consideration that it is the prayer of the petitioner that a representation may be decided by the respondents in a time bound manner, the present petition is disposed of without commenting on merits of the present case by issuing a direction to the Director, Department of Social Security and Women & Child Development, Government of Punjab to treat the present writ petition as a representation and to take reasoned decision thereupon after

granting of an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, if so desired. In the event the petitioner is found entitled to the release of the said arrears as claimed, the necessary benefits shall be released to her expeditiously. The decision be taken by the respondents within a period of 04 months and the amount found due, if any, be also released to her within a period of 03 months thereafter.

Disposed of accordingly.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)  
JUDGE

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

*Vishal sharma*

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