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

**CWP-29082-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.01.2023**

Kamini Devi

..... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shobit Phutela, Advocate,
for the respondents-UOI.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the dependent family pension to the petitioner w.e.f. June, 2017 i.e. after the death of her mother, who was getting family pension from the respondents along with arrears.

Mr. Shobit Phutela, learned counsel for the respondents-UOI has stated that during the pendency of the present writ petition, the case of the petitioner has already been processed and the competent authority has already taken a decision that the petitioner is entitled for the grant of dependent family pension and he has also supplied to this Court a photocopy of the letter dated 25.01.2023, which is hereby taken on record and marked as 'X' wherein it has been so stated in the aforesaid letter that from the side of competent authority, the entire formalities have already

been completed and sanction has been granted but there was a verification with regard to the change of PPO number etc. which has also been done and the objections have been removed and now the request for allotment of new PPO number was submitted to the Accounts Department i.e. CPAO vide letter dated 23.01.2023 and now the only action pending is allotment of new PPO number from CPAO and as and when the same is allotted by CPAO, the PPO authority may be issued immediately. He further submitted that now only the procedural aspect is awaited from the Accounts Department but from the side of the competent authority, the dependent family pension has already been sanctioned.

In view of the aforesaid stand taken by the learned counsel for the respondents-UOI, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the dependent family pension to the petitioner promptly and within a period of two months from today.

It is made clear that mere procedural communication between the competent authority and the Accounts Department would not come into way for release of the dependent family pension within the aforesaid prescribed period.

After calculating the arrears of dependent family pension, which has accrued to the petitioner, the same shall be paid along with interest @ 6%.

27.01.2023*Bhumika***(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)****JUDGE**

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