

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

LPA-88-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 11.01.2024

Vidya Wati

...Appellant

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

**Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar Jangra, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Ritu Bahri, Acting Chief Justice

The instant appeal, under Clause X of the Letters Patent Appeal, is against the judgment dated 07.12.2023 passed by the learned Single Bench of this Court, whereby petition (CWP-28556-2018) filed by petitioner-appellant has been allowed, but interest on the amount of Rs.5,00,000/- as ex-gratia amount under the policy, has not been awarded.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

In the present case, death of the husband of petitioner-appellant took place on 05.06.2004 and thereafter, she raised a claim, in this regard, with the competent authorities, within a period of three years. Ex-gratia amount of Rs.2,50,000/- was granted to the petitioner-appellant on 17.05.2010. However, as per the provisions of the Haryana Compassionate Assistance to the Dependents of Deceased Government Employees Rules,

2006 (for short '2006 Rules'), the amount has been increased to Rs.5,00,000/-.

Keeping in view that the petitioner-appellant had a right to claim Rs.5,00,000/- as per 2006 Rules itself, the judgment dated 07.12.2023 passed by the learned Single Bench of this Court is being modified and the petitioner-appellant is ordered to be granted interest on the amount of Rs.5,00,000/- w.e.f. 17.05.2010 till the date of judgment i.e. 07.12.2023.

Disposed of accordingly. Since the main appeal has been decided, pending application, if any, stands disposed of.

(RITU BAHRI)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

11.01.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No