

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

(116)

CWP-931-2024

Date of decision: - 16.01.2024

Shweta Sandhu

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Raj Kumar Arya, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)**

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the stipend amount (Rs.15,000/- per month per student) which has not been paid by them along with interest @ 24 p.a. from the date when it became due till the actual payment.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioner, the petitioner has given a representation dated 22.06.2023 (Annexure P-6) and at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case competent authority of respondent No.2 considers the same in accordance with law, within a specified time frame and in case the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be

meritorious, then, grant the appropriate relief to the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents has submitted that competent authority of respondent No.2 would consider the said representation dated 22.06.2023 (Annexure P-6), filed by the petitioner, in accordance with law and the same would be done within a period of six weeks from the date of certified copy of this order.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to competent authority of respondent No.2 to consider the representation dated 22.06.2023 (Annexure P-6) filed by the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order and in case competent authority of respondent No.2 is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritorious, then, the appropriate relief be granted to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible. In case, competent authority of respondent No.2 is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritless, then, a speaking order rejecting the claim be passed within the aforesaid period of six weeks.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and competent authority of respondent No.2 would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

**January 16, 2024**  
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**( VIKAS BAHL )**  
**JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking?  
Whether reportable?

Yes/No  
Yes/No