

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

(216)

CWP-1821-2023

Date of Decision: - 10.04.2024

Surjit Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Sarbjit S. Khaira, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Chawla, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a civil writ petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to pay Rs.2,54,000/-, as the petitioner is entitled under Punjab Government Employees and Pensioners Health Insurance Scheme, to cover indoor medical expenses.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner has repeatedly given representations but the authorities have informed that the supporting documents have not been supplied. It is further submitted that the petitioner has a copy of the said bills and would give a representation within a period of two weeks from today, annexing all the said bills, to the competent authority of the respondent No.1-State and would be satisfied, at this stage, in case, competent authority of

respondent No.1-State considers the said representation, in accordance with law, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the said representation and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be meritorious, then, to get the amount released due to him within a further period of four weeks from the date of decision on the said representation.

3. Learned State counsel has submitted that in case, any such representation is made by the petitioner, the same would be considered within a period of one month from the date of the receipt of said representation and the amount found due would be released to the petitioner within a further period of four weeks from the date of decision taken on the said representation.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1-State to consider the said representation, to be submitted by the petitioner within a period of two weeks from today, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the said representation and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioner are found meritorious by the respondent No.1-State, then, to release the amount found due to the petitioner, within a further period of four weeks from the date the said decision is taken on the said representation. In case, the competent authority of respondent No.1-State 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 one month.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits

of the case and the competent authority of respondent No.1-State would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

April 10, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No