

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-9895-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.05.2024

Sandeep Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. KS Dadwal, Advocate and
Ms. Neha Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Addl. AG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed for directing respondent No.1 to appoint the petitioner on compassionate appointment.
2. Learned counsel would contend that the petitioner is entitled for appointment on compassionate ground on account of the fact that his father, who was working as ASI, had unfortunately passed away in a road accident on 01.10.1991. His case has been recommended by the office of Director General of Police, Punjab to the Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab, vide letter dated 26.11.2019, Annexure P9 and reiterated vide letter dated 25.02.2021 (Annexure P13), observing therein that reconsider the case of petitioner sympathetically and delay of 3 years, 2 months, 5 days may be condoned. Similar relief of condonation of delay in seeking the compassionate appointment had been granted to 5 persons, details of which are mentioned in para 23 of the writ petition, which has not been denied in the written statement. However, there is no decision that has been taken, in the case of the petitioner regarding his claim. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioner would be

satisfied, in case, a direction is given to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioner in a time bound manner by granting him an opportunity of hearing.

3. Learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer made.

4. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioner, taking note of the aforesaid submissions, within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

03.05.2024
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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No