



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(256)

CWP NO.18599 OF 2023
DATE OF DECISION: 05.09.2024

Surjit Kaur

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present Mr.Parampreet Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Piyush Khanna, Advocate, for respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the present petition is for seeking directions to the respondents to release the amount in the PPF account no.810421 of the petitioner which lies deposited with the respondents with effect from 04.03.2008, along with interest @ 18% p.a on delayed payment.
2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that the petitioner had opened PPF account No.810421 with Post Office Kotkapura, District Faridkot on 04.03.2008. She was required to deposit sufficient amount every year for a continuous period of 15 years and that as per the copy of the appended passbook, she had a sum of Rs.6,73,647/- approximately in her account as on 03.03.2019. It is submitted that the petitioner is more than 92 years old and is unable to walk properly or to put her signatures or even to approach the Post Office for seeking release of her amount and accordingly, a General Power of Attorney was executed by the petitioner in favour of her son



for transfer of money in her PPF account to her savings bank account or paying account but the same has not been done compelling the petitioner to approach this Court.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents contends that under the statutory rules governing the PPF scheme, the amount is not transferred to the account of the General Power of Attorney holder and the statutory forms are required to be signed / affixed by thumb impressions of the account holder before the amount can be transferred but the same are not being deposited. He contends that the representative of the respondent-bank shall visit the house of the petitioner and obtain the thumb impressions of the petitioner on the statutory forms required for processing the release of the amount and thereafter transfer the due amount in favour of the petitioner.

4. The said proposal is not objected to by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. The present writ petition is accordingly disposed of with a direction to the respondent-Post Office to depute a person from their department to visit the house of the petitioner within a period of two weeks on receipt of certified copy of this order along with all the statutory forms and complete all formalities required for processing the claim. On the affixation of the signatures / thumb impressions, as the case may be, the claim of the petitioner for transfer of the account shall be processed and the due amount shall be released in favour of the petitioner forthwith and not later than 15 days of submission of the documents.

6. It is made clear that in the event, the aforesaid timelines are not complied with, the respondent – Post Office shall be liable to pay interest @ 8%



p.a on the above said amount from the date of filing of the present petition till
disbursement of the amount.

7. Disposed of accordingly.

05.09.2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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