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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP-22465-2023  
Date of decision: 08.02.2024

Renu Bala and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kunal Muthreja, AAG, Punjab.

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

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to immediately release the pensionary benefits including family pension, PPF, GIS, Gratuity, Leave Encashment and other service benefits to the petitioners being the Class-I, legal heirs of deceased Rajesh Kumar who was posted as Assistant Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division No.2, Ludhiana and expired on 16.02.2023.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners would be satisfied at this stage, in case the present writ petition is treated as a representation of the petitioners and the competent authority of respondent No.1-State is directed to consider the said representation in a

time bound manner and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioners are found to be meritorious then to grant necessary relief in accordance with law.

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that the competent authority of respondent No.1-State would treat this writ petition as a representation and would consider the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to the competent authority of respondent No.1-State to consider the present writ petition as a representation and decide the same in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioners are found to be meritorious then the competent authority would grant necessary relief, in accordance with law and in case, the competent authority is of the opinion that the pleas raised by the petitioners are not meritorious then a speaking order rejecting the same be passed within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

5. This Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the competent authority would consider the case of the petitioners independently, in accordance with law.

08.02.2024

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(VIKAS BAHL)  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No