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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-4518-2024

Date of Decision:28.11.2025

SUNDERPAL

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. B.S. Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner (through video conferencing).

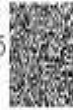
Mr. Saurabh Girdhar, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Padamkant Dwivedi, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 4.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the impugned order dated 08.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) passed by respondent No.3 and the order dated 23.01.2024 (Annexure P-4), whereby the grant of family pension to the petitioner has been declined.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, *inter alia*, submits that the husband of the petitioner, who was working as ALM in the office of respondent-Corporation had expired on 07.01.2011, leaving behind the petitioner and two minor children. In these circumstances, the petitioner made representation to respondent No.4 for grant of benefits under the Haryana Compassionate Assistance of the Dependents of Deceased Employee Rule, 2006, however, the claim of the petitioner was rejected solely on the ground that the petitioner had entered into service after 01st January, 2006, as such, she was not entitled to compassionate assistance and family pension.



3. Learned counsel further submits that similarly circumstanced dependants of deceased, namely Shashi and Mohini, filed CWP-1881-2012 and CWP-11941-2017 respectively, because their claims were rejected on the identical grounds on which the petitioner's claim was rejected. This Court had allowed the writ petitions filed by ***Shashi (supra)*** and ***Mohini (supra)***. Further, the Intra-Court Appeal filed by respondent-Corporation bearing LPA-3309-2024 was dismissed on 24.03.2025. As such, the claim made by the petitioner is squarely covered by the judgments rendered by this Court in CWP-1881-2012 titled as ***Shashi Vs. D.H.B.V.N. Ltd and others*** and CWP-11941-2017 titled as ***Mohini Vs. State of Haryana***.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Committee constituted under the Haryana State Litigation Policy, 2025 to consider the claim of the petitioner including the entitlement of the petitioner for interest on account of delayed release of admissible benefits in the light of Full Bench of this Court in the case of ***A.S. Randhawa Vs. Supdg. Engineer (Retd.) Vs. State of Punjab, 1998 (1) SCT 343***.

5. Learned State counsel has no objection if the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Committee constituted under the Haryana State Litigation Policy, 2025 to decide the representation of the petitioner within a period of 03 months in the light of judgment rendered by this Court in CWP-1881-2012 and CWP-11941-2017.

6. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have perused the record with their able assistance.

7. It has been brought to the notice of this Court that the Government of Haryana has notified the Haryana State Litigation Policy, 2025, with the primary objective of ensuring an efficient and accountable grievance-redressal framework within the administration, and with the overarching aim of reducing pendency before the Courts by curbing avoidable and repetitive litigation. Furthermore, in terms of the aforementioned Policy, an Employees’ Grievance Redressal Committee has been constituted for the specific purpose of addressing and resolving employee-related grievances in a structured and time-bound manner.

8. Accordingly, the orders dated 08.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) and 23.01.2024 (Annexure P-4) are hereby set aside and the petition is disposed of in the following terms:

- i. The Employees’ Grievance Redressal Committee constituted under the Haryana State Litigation Policy, 2025 is hereby directed to treat the present writ petition as a comprehensive representation and to consider and adjudicate upon the issue raised herein. In the alternative, the petitioner shall be at liberty to submit a detailed representation setting out her claim within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.
- ii. The Committee shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, after granting an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, or from the date of receipt of the representation of the petitioner, as the case may be. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted to her forthwith.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

28.11.2025
P.Bhatt

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No