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

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Date of decision: 29.10.2025

CHARANJIT KAUR

....Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Pankaj Bains, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Hooda, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 to 4.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J (ORAL)

1. The instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* directing the respondents to release family pension, and other benefits to the petitioner against PPO No.3534, along with interest @18% per annum.

2. The petitioner claims herself to be the legally wedded wife of one Chanan Singh, and after his demise, she preferred a claim for monthly family pension. It is submitted before this Court that vide order dated 19.10.1995 (Annexure P-1), passed by the Regional Provident Fund Office, the family pension was fixed and the petitioner was drawing the same through the Bank of India Branch, near Mandi, Gobindgarh.

3. The claim, as set up by the petitioner, is however, opposed by the learned counsel for the respondents on the strength of their reply, submitting that the order dated 19.10.1995 (Annexure P-1), has not been passed by any competent authority. It is further submitted that the Bank of India, was



submitted that no document is traceable on record, from which the department can conclude that the petitioner is the legally wedded wife of the deceased Chanan Singh.

4. The issue raised before this Court involves disputed questions of fact, which cannot be adjudicated through exchange of affidavits. From the perusal of the petition, it is revealed that the legal notice submitted by the petitioner has not been decided by the competent authority. Rather, a contrary stand has been taken by the respondent that such legal notice was never received by them.

5. In view of the above, this Court observes that the matter deserves to be considered by the authority concerned at the first instance. Therefore, in case the petitioner submits a detailed representation along with supporting documents to the authority concerned, within thirty days, from passing of this order, the latter shall ensure to take a final decision with regard to the entitlement of the petitioner as claimed before this Court through the instant petition, and the said exercise shall be completed within a period of three months thereafter.

6. **Disposed of** accordingly.

29.10.2025
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(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes /No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes /No