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

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CWP-7708-2024 (O & M)
Date of decision: 28.01.2025

Salwinder Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made in the present petition is for grant of medical reimbursement to the petitioner.

2. The petitioner had retired as an Inspector from Punjab Roadway, on 31.05.2016, after attaining the age of superannuation. In 2020, while being in Australia, he was diagnosed with Gastric Cancer and has to be admitted in Cancer Clinical Institute, Epworth, Australia. On 13.01.2023, Prof. Sumitra Ananda, East Melbourne Specialists, Suite 8.2, Level 8, 124, Grey St. East Melbourne Vic 3002, Cancer Clinical Institute, Epworth, Australia, had given a letter wherein it is mentioned that the petitioner underwent surgery and thereafter followed by chemotherapy and the treatment was completed in May, 2022. He obtained the chronic disease certificate also from the Govt. Medical College, Amritsar, Annexure P-4, however, his bills for medical



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reimbursement have been returned, there being no instructions available with the General Manager, Pathankot, as is discernible from the letter dated 16.01.2024, Annexure P-6.

3. Learned counsel submits that the case of the petitioner is squarely covered by the judgment passed by the judgment passed by the Division Bench in **Dr. Surjit Singh Sandhoo through his legal representatives vs. State of Punjab and others**, CWP-15522-1993, decided on 28.10.2009.

4. The aforesaid facts having been brought out, during the course of hearing, learned State counsel, on instructions, states that the respondents would not be averse to have a relook at the matter and decide afresh within a period of 6 weeks by passing a speaking order, taking note of the aforesaid submissions and judgment, which satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. The matter stands disposed of accordingly and if the petitioner is found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same may be passed after granting opportunity of hearing to him and shall contain reason, whereupon the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

28.01.2025

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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