



**\HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-14892-2025

Date of Decision : **May 22, 2025**

KAVITA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present : Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of directions to the respondents to fix and release the family pension in view of Circular of Department of Finance, Punjab dated 23.1.2024 (Annexure P-5) whereby, the Government has decided to grant additional relief on death/disability of employees covered by the New Defined Contributory Pension Scheme and grant of family pension/invalid pension to the legal heirs of the deceased. It is also prayed in the present writ petition that the respondents be also directed to release the balance ex-gratia amount of Rs.3 lacs in view of the instructions dated 16.12.2011 alongwith interest.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, on instructions from the petitioner, submits that at this stage, he will be satisfied if a direction is given to respondent No.3 to decide her legal notice dated 8.3.2025 (Annexure P-7), in a time bound manner.
3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 and on the asking of the Court, he accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.3 and 4 also. He does not oppose the prayer, as made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to decide legal notice dated 8.3.2025 (Annexure P-7), submitted by the petitioner within a period of 06 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is held entitled for the benefit, as claimed by her in the legal notice dated 8.3.2025 (Annexure P-7), the same be also released to the petitioner in accordance with law within a period of 04 weeks thereafter.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No