



233 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-28364-2013 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 19-02-2025

CHAND RANI AND ANR.

.....Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Jasjit Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the present petition may kindly be disposed of as having been not pressed any further with liberty to approach the authorities under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 for the redressal of his grievance.
2. Ordered accordingly.
3. It is directed that in case, any application is filed to claim the benefit of gratuity before the authorities concerned under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972, all the endeavour be made to decide the same as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of **three months** as the claimants are the retirees and have no other source of income to survive.
4. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in the present petition, the services of the petitioners were never regularised however, a direction has already been given by this Court to consider the claim of such employees while passing the order in **CWP No.26714 of 2019**

titled “Hira Devi and ors. Vs. State of Punjab and ors.”, decided on 19.07.2024, hence, the respondents are liable to consider the claim of the petitioners as well.

5. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that in case, a representation is received at the hands of the petitioners for raising a claim as raised in the present petition, the same will be decided by a competent authorities keeping in view the judgment in *CWP No.26714 of 2019 titled “Hira Devi and ors. Vs. State of Punjab and ors.”*, decided on 19.07.2024 within a period of eight weeks from the date of the receipt of certified copy of this order by passing an appropriate speaking order. Learned counsel further submits that in case, it is found feasible to accept the claim of the petitioners, the same will be accepted, otherwise due reasons will be mentioned for not accepting the claim of the petitioners in the speaking order to be passed and the said order will be duly conveyed to the petitioners for their information and necessary action.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement of learned State counsel, the present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to the petitioners to file an appropriate representation before the authorities concerned.

7. Ordered accordingly.

8. Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

19-02-2025
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES
Whether reportable: NO