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

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CWP-20589-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.11.2025

MAYA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Kuljit Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Peeush Gagneja, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Sonak, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.5 and 6.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the remaining death-cum-service benefits of the deceased-husband of the petitioner, such as gratuity, leave encashment, DA instalments, arrears of revised pay scale, Provident Fund and all other benefits along with interest for delayed period.
2. Learned counsel for respondents No.5 and 6-Board at the outset submits that all admissible retiral dues have been paid to the petitioner along with the interest. However, the petitioner is claiming that her admissible



benefits have been wrongly calculated. The petitioner has further disputed the admissible amount of gratuity, leave encashment and ex-gratia.

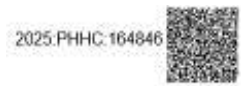
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the Empowered Committee headed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab in terms of the litigation policy to treat the writ petition as a comprehensive representation and decide the same in a time-bound manner.

4. I have heard the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties and have perused the record with their able assistance.

5. In compliance with the order dated 20.03.2025 passed by this Court in **CWP No. 7727 of 2025** titled ***Paramjit Kaur vs. State of Punjab and others***, the Government of Punjab has constituted an Empowered Committee vide letter dated 16.04.2025. The said Committee was established under the Punjab Dispute Resolution & Litigation Policy, 2020, which aims to encourage the swift resolution of disputes, reduce future litigation, and address the considerable backlog faced by the Courts.

6. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of in the following terms:

- i. The Empowered Committee constituted under the Punjab Litigation Policy 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 four 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 four 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.

7. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

27.11.2025
P.Bhatt

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>