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

CWP-19396-2025**Date of decision: 15.07.2025**

Sarita Devi and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Narula, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. The lackadaisical and indolent approach of the authorities concerned in not taking final decision on the representation dated 13.01.2025 (Annexure P-5), as submitted by the petitioners, for grant of compensation, on account of death of Sh. Lalit Podar, due to an accident with a stray animal, has propelled them to knock the doors of this Court through the instant writ petition, as cast under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, though, the representation (supra), was submitted as back as on 13.01.2025, however, till date, no action thereon has been taken. In this backdrop, a Mandamus is prayed for, directing the respondent authorities to decide the representation (supra), in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 6 only.

4. Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 6, and waives service. At the outset, he fairly submits that he has no objection, in case,



a Mandamus is passed upon the authorities concerned, to decide the representation (supra), in a time bound manner.

5. In view of the above, and since a *bona fide* and innocuous prayer has been made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**, at this stage, by issuing a Mandamus upon the Deputy Commissioner, Sri Muktsar Sahib-respondent No.7, to consider and decide the representation (supra), within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of a certified copy of this order. Needless to assert that before drawing a final order, a due opportunity of hearing shall be afforded to all the stakeholders.

6. Learned State counsel is also directed to inform respondent No.7 and any other authorities concerned regarding the directions (supra), as passed by this Court, for the latter to make compliance.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

15.07.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No