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

CWP-19284-2025

Date of decision:-22.07.2025

Smt. Shanti

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present : Mr. Sunil Goswami, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

1. Instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, seeking direction to the respondents to pay compensation of Rs.7.50 lakhs along with interest on account of death of Rammehar, petitioner's son, who was confined in District Jail, Jind.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that Rammehar was accused of an offence under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and by judgment dated 10/11.07.2024, Annexure P2, he was convicted by the Special Judge. Counsel states that on



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11.09.2024, while undergoing the sentence, Rammehar committed suicide by hitting his head against the wall. Referring to the postmortem report, counsel urges that the doctors have opined that death had occurred due to head injury. He submits that the petitioner is entitled to compensation under notification dated 04.05.2023, Annexure P5 issued by the Government of Haryana. He submits that the petitioner has submitted representations, Annexures P6 and P7, respectively, which have not yielded any result.

3. Issue notice of motion to the respondents.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents. State counsel submits that he does not have any instructions.

5. Having heard counsel for the parties and considering the nature of order proposed to be passed, this Court does not deem it necessary to call response from the respondents.

6. Petitioner has sent copies of representations dated 15.10.2024, Annexures P6 and P7, to the Director General of Prisons, Haryana. These representations are stated to be pending with the official respondents.

7. In view of the above, this Court directs the Director General of Prisons, Haryana – respondent No.2 to examine the representations, Annexures P6 and P7 and to pass an appropriate order as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of three months from the date of communication of this order.



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8. Petition is disposed off.

22.07.2025.
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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