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

(203)

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Date of Decision : 02.08.2025

Harbans Kaur and another

...Appellants

Versus

State Bank of India and another

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI**

Present: Mr. S.P.S. Khaira, Advocate
for the appellants.

Ms. Madhu Dayal, Advocate
for the respondents-Bank.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (ORAL)

1. The husband of appellant No.1, was employed with respondent-State Bank of India, and died in harness on 20.02.2005. An application for *ex-gratia* amount was moved on 08.06.2006, which came to be rejected on 06.09.2006. This order was not assailed. However, the writ petition came to be filed in the year 2012, stating that neither appellants have been allowed compassionate appointment, nor *ex-gratia* amount has been released to them. The policy for providing *ex-gratia* payment was introduced in the month of October, 2005.

2. This Court on the previous occasion had directed the respondent-Bank, to examine the petitioners/appellants case, for release of *ex-gratia* amount on compassionate ground. A statement is made by the learned counsel for the respondent-Bank, on the basis of communication dated 28.07.2025, as per which, the Bank will consider the appellants request for release of



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ex-gratia amount on compassionate ground, provided an application for such purpose is moved.

3. Learned counsel for the appellants submits that if such claim is considered, the appellants would be satisfied.
4. In that view of the matter, we **disposed of** this appeal with a direction that if an application is moved by the appellants for *ex-gratia* amount on compassionate ground, the same shall be considered in terms of the instructions conveyed to this Court, vide communication letter dated 28.07.2025, expeditiously
5. Ordered accordingly.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

August 02, 2025
Manpreet

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