



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

CWP-26659-2025

Date of decision: 08.09.2025

Sarishta Kumari and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Tahaf Bains, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant writ petition, as cast under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of a Mandamus upon respondents, to grant the benefit of Family Pension to the petitioners, on account of the services rendered by their respective husbands.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that grievance of the petitioners has not been redressed, despite issuance of a legal notice dated 07.09.2024 (Annexure P-6), coupled with reminder(s), to the respondents. He further submits that the petitioners are entitled for a family pension, on account of the services rendered by their respective husbands, specifically, in the light of the fact that a similarly situated widow, who approached this Court in **CWP-12047-2021 (Sudesh Kumari vs. State of Punjab)**, has been extended the same relief of Family Pension.

3. Notice of motion.



4. Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and waives service. He fairly submits that the prayer, as made through the instant petition appears to be *bona fide*, and therefore, he has no objection in case, a Mandamus is passed upon the authority concerned, to take a final decision on the legal notice (supra), in a time bound manner.

5. In view of the above, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, or on the petitioners’ entitlement to family pension, this Court **disposes of** the present petition, with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider, and decide the legal notice (supra), within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Prior to passing any appropriate order, respondent No.2 shall afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

6. It goes without saying that in case, respondent No.2 finds that the petitioners are entitled for the Family Pension, the same shall be released to them within a period of 04 weeks, thereafter.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

08.09.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No