



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

CWP-27223-2025

Date of Decision:12.09.2025

Jyoti Sharma

...Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Anshul Baghla, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent-authorities to decide the Legal Notice dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-6) and to release and pay the Death-cum-retirement Gratuity amount along with interest to her in capacity of being a widow of the deceased husband, who was appointed and serving their duty as Panchayat Secretary.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has submitted a Legal Notice dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-6) to the respondents-authorities, but no decision has been convey to her so far. He further contends that at this stage, he shall be satisfied in case, appropriate directions are issued to respondent No.1 to decide the Legal Notice dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-6) in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Satnampreet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and he has no serious objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

6. At this stage, Respondent No.1 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 20.08.2025 (Annexure P-6) within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. It is expected that respondent No.1 shall pass a speaking and well-reasoned order by taking into consideration the relevant rules, instructions and the settled law. In case it is found that the petitioner is entitled to any consequential relief, the same shall also be released to her forthwith along with a reasonable rate of interest.

7. The present petition is disposed of, accordingly.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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