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

**CWP-27503-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 16.09.2025**

Neelam

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Rajeev Dev Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant the family pension to the petitioner being widowed daughter, in view of the letter dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-6) and office order dated 29.03.2023 (Annexure P-7) and further to pay interest on the delayed payment of family pension from the date, when it became due till its realization in view of judgment rendered by the Full Bench of this Court in *A.S. Randhawa Supdg. Engineer (Retd.) Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1997 (3) SCT 468*.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that father of the petitioner died in harness prior to 2016 on 16.08.2007 and after his death, her mother started getting family pension and she also died on 09.12.2021, which is evident from her death certificate dated 15.12.2021 (Annexure P-3). Further, husband of the petitioner died on 11.03.2019 and she become dependent on her mother. As such, after death of her mother, the petitioner is entitled to receive family pension and her claim is squarely falls under the eligibility criteria set out in the instructions dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-6) issued by the Government of Punjab, Finance Department and the office order dated 29.03.2023 (Annexure P-7) issued by respondent No.4.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if her representation dated 17.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) is decided by respondent No.3 in terms of the instructions dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-6) and office order dated 29.03.2023 (Annexure P-7), by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 & 2 and Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.3. They have no objection, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 17.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) in terms of the instructions dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-6) and office order dated

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29.03.2023 (Annexure P-7), in a time bound manner, by passing a speaking order.

6. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, present petition is disposed of and respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 17.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) in terms of the instructions dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-6) and office order dated 29.03.2023 (Annexure P-7) and pass a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

7. Further, the decision taken on the representation dated 17.05.2022 (Annexure P-5) shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

8. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same be granted to her forthwith by respondent No.3.

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[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No