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

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**CWP-32793-2024 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 15.05.2025.**

GEETA DEVI

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Jasbir Mor, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tapan Kumar, DAG, Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed for setting aside the letter dated 12.08.2024 whereby the monthly financial assistance of the petitioner has been stopped. A further prayer has been made for issuance of directions to the respondents to restore the financial assistance granted to the petitioner vide office order dated 21.04.2022 in terms of the Haryana Civil Services (Compassionate Financial Assistance) Rules, 2019 on account of death of late Ankit Clerk during the course of his service.

2 The matter came up for hearing on 23.01.2025, when the following order was passed:-

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“The petitioner, who is the mother of deceased government employee, Ankit, has filed the present petition claiming monthly financial assistance that had been granted on 21.04.2022 w.e.f. 16.09.2021 to 15.09.2036. The said employee was appointed as a Clerk in the year 2020, he however passed away in 2021. Accordingly, monthly financial assistance was released to the petitioner. The selection of Clerks (vide which son of the petitioner got appointed) was challenged in the Court and a direction was issued to the respondent-State to prepare a fresh merit list. The candidates were required to produce their documents as well for verification.

Unfortunately, since Ankit had already passed away in the meanwhile, he could not appear for document verification, hence, he was shown absent and financial assistance being released to the petitioner was discontinued. It is also pleaded that Ankit had obtained 67 marks in the BCA category and the last selected candidate had obtained 65 marks in the said category.

Noticing the peculiar facts, the State Counsel was directed to seek instructions.

On the matter being taken up today, learned State Counsel has informed on instructions from Ms. Renu Gupta, Deputy Director, Technical Education, Haryana that the matter related to the service continuation and monthly financial assistance has already been put up before the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Haryana and a decision is likely to be taken soon. A request is thus made for grant of some time.

Adjourned to 26.03.2025.

The respondent-State is directed to take a befitting decision in the matter considering the totality of circumstances.”

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3 Thereafter, the matter was taken up on 24.04.2025, when the following order was passed:-

“Learned State Counsel has informed this Court that the claim of the petitioner was considered and it has been noticed that in case the deceased Ankit Kumar would have appeared for scrutiny of documents, he would have been awarded 67 marks which include 62 marks for the written examination while 5 marks for having no government job. She further informs that the matter has been forwarded to the Department of Technical Education for ascertaining the entitlement of deceased Ankit Kumar for five marks under the socio-economic criterion. She further prays that a further time of two weeks may be granted to the State to determine the final position as regards the entitlement of deceased Ankit Kumar to have been appointed despite re-hyphenated drawing of the merit list.

On her request, adjourned to 15.05.2025.

Let an affidavit be filed by the State in above regard on or before the adjourned date.”

4 On the resumed hearing today, it has been informed by the learned State counsel, on instructions from Dr. Renu, Deputy Director, that information has already been received from the Haryana Staff Selection Commission vide letter dated 21.04.2025 that the candidate had claimed 05 marks for having no Government job under the social economic criteria. It is further intimated that the status of the deceased had been got verified from the SHO, Kalayat, District Kaithal, in the presence of Sarpanch at village Sinand, and it has been reported vide report dated 07.05.2025, that “his father is a labourer and his mother is Anganwari worker on temporary basis and no

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family member is in Government service.” He further submits that in compliance of the advise received from the office of Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana dated 27.02.2025, the process of resuming of stopped monthly financial assistance has already been forwarded and the same is likely to be restored within a period of two months.

5 In view of the aforesaid statement, the present writ petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous at this stage. The respondent State shall remain bound by its statement and the time period within which the admissible benefits are to be restored.

May 15, 2025.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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