



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

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CWP-73-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 09.01.2025

Dr Amarpreet Kaur Bajwa Alias Amarpreet Bajwa
Alias Amarpreet Kaur Sibia

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate for the petitioner

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to release the retiral benefits including pending General Provident Fund.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.11.2021, however, only partial amount of Rs.61,69,969/- of GPF has been released. Since the petitioner was on deputation with the Municipal Corporation and working in the Civil Hospital, Ludhiana, for that period, the vouchers appeared to be missing, however, a decision is still required to be taken by the competent authority i.e. respondent No.2-The Director, Department of Health and Family Welfare, to whom a legal notice dated 21.07.2024, Annexure P-4 has been served and a decision has to be taken by the Director, who had though forwarded it to Civil Surgeon, Moga, whose response has though been received on 09.09.2024, Annexure P-6 but that of Civil Surgeon, Ludhiana and the Commissioner have not been received. He thus, at this stage, on instructions from the petitioner, prays that a direction be given to respondent Nos.2 to 4 to decide the same in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.
5. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 21.07.2024, Annexure P-4 and to take a decision with regard to the payment of GPF be made, within a period of 3 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to her and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to her interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

09.01.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No