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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 19.12.2025

Rampari

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Ravinder Malik, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Ashok Kumar Khubbar,
Additional Advocate General, Haryana
(assisted by E/ASI Satish Kumar)

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to release *ex gratia* financial assistance of ₹2.5 Lakhs as approved vide letter dated 22.12.2003.

2. The petitioner's husband died on 26.02.1996 in harness. He was holding rank of Head Constable in Haryana Police Force. The respondent vide letter dated 22.12.2003 informed the petitioner that her request for *ex gratia* appointment cannot be accepted, however, it has been decided to grant a sum of ₹2.5 Lakhs. The petitioner submitted requisite documents and repeatedly approached authorities to release sanctioned amount. She served representations including representation dated 21.09.2018 which was followed by legal notice dated 03.09.2025.

3. Mr. Ashok Kumar Khubbar, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, on instructions from E/ASI Satish Kumar, submits that in 2003 the



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petitioner was offered a sum of ₹2.5 Lakhs as *ex gratia*, however, she insisted for job for her son who was minor at that time.

4. On being asked, learned State counsel concedes that there is nothing on record to show that respondent attempted to transfer or release a sum of ₹2.5 Lakhs which the petitioner was entitled to. He further does not dispute that job was never offered to petitioner's son.

5. From the perusal of record, it is evident and undisputed that petitioner being widow of deceased employee, as per applicable policy, was entitled to a sum of ₹2.5 Lakhs in 1996. She was deprived from said valuable right. Interest is compensatory in nature. Respondent-State has utilized aforesaid amount, thus, is liable to pay interest.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances, this Court finds that it would be in the fitness of things and interest of justice, if petitioner is awarded interest @ 4.5% per annum from 01.03.1996.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid rate of interest.

8. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to release a sum of ₹2.5 Lakhs to the petitioner along with interest @4.5% per annum. The interest shall be payable w.e.f. 01.03.1996 till the date of payment. In case payment is not released within 3 months from today, the rate of interest would be 6% w.e.f. 01.03.1996.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

19.12.2025
Mohit Kumar

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