

Court No. - 18

Case :- WRIT - A No. - 8347 of 2025

Petitioner :- Saroj Devi

Respondent :- Union Of India Thru. Secy. Ministry Of Railways New Delhi And 3 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Dinesh Chandra,Surya Prakash

Counsel for Respondent :- A.S.G.I.

Hon'ble Manish Mathur,J.

1. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and Mr. S.B. Pandey, Senior Advocate & Deputy Solicitor General of India assisted by Mr. Varun Pandey, learned counsel for opposite parties 1 to 3. In view of order being passed, notices to opposite party no.4 stand dispensed with.
2. Present petition under Article 226 of Constitution of India has been filed seeking a direction to authority concerned to consider petitioner's candidature for compassionate appointment in view of demise in service of her husband, late Kishori Lal. A further prayer for payment of post-retiral benefits due to petitioner has also been made.
3. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that petitioner's husband passed away on 19.03.2023 on a Class - IV post with the Railways and petitioner being eligible for aforesaid benefits has made an Application dated 28.06.2023, which is yet pending consideration.
4. Learned counsel for opposite parties submits that since there are Rules pertaining to compassionate appointment, her Application may be directed to be decided.
5. In view thereof, opposite party no.3 i.e. Divisional Railway Manager, Northern Railway, Lucknow or any other competent authority is directed to decide petitioner's application for aforesaid relief, expeditiously, in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date a certified copy of this order along with a copy of petitioner's application is served upon the said authority

after giving opportunity of hearing to all concerned including one Smt. Munni Devi, who also claims herself to be widow of late Kishori Lal and has been arrayed as opposite party no.4 in the present writ petition.

6. With aforesaid direction, the petition stands finally **disposed of.**

Order Date :- 31.7.2025

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