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

CWP-11076-2026

Date of decision: 10.04.2026

Babli Kumari

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. Abhishek Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Jastej Singh, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Abhilaksh Gaiind, Advocate and
Ms. Priya Jarial, Advocate
for respondent No.2-M.C. Ludhiana.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant compassionate appointment to the petitioner, to release gratuity and all other terminal benefits along with interest as well as to decide representation dated 27.02.2026 (Annexure P-2) in a time bound manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the representation (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner is decided by respondent No.2 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Learned State counsel, appearing on advanced notice as well as counsel appearing for respondent No.2 submit that they have no objection in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 for time-bound consideration and decision of the representation of the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

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4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, respondent No.2 is directed to consider the representation (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner in terms of the policy which was applicable at the time of death of the husband of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording her an opportunity to be heard, within a period of 03 months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by respondent No.2.

5. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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