



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-15329-2026(O&M)
Date of decision: 18.05.2026

Kushalaya Devi and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Rahul Vijay Singh Chugh, Advocate, and
Mr. Lokesh Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amtiaz Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking setting aside of order dated 30.11.2025 whereby a committee constituted under Punjab Compensation to Victims of Animals Attack and Accident Policy, 2023 has rejected their claim.

2. As per petition, the petitioners are family members of Sukhwinder Singh who died in an accident which occurred due to a stray animal.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that respondent(s) has rejected petitioners' claim on the ground that they have not produced any proof of initiation of proceedings in any Court after the incident which took place on 12.07.2017 and compensation policy came into force in 2023. The petitioners preferred **CWP No.10406 of 2019, Kushalaya**

Devi and another v. State of Punjab and others which was disposed of



along with *CWP No.22904 of 2016, Rawjinder Kaur and another v. State of Haryana and others*. The State Government had framed policy on the basis of judgment of this Court in *Rajwinder Kaur (supra)*. The petitioners approached this Court in 2019 and writ petition was disposed of in 2023 along with other cases, thus, respondent had no authority to reject petitioners' claim on the ground that they have not produced any proof of initiation of proceedings in any Court.

4. Learned State counsel expressed his inability to controvert that the petitioners had preferred CWP No.10406 of 2019 before this Court, which was disposed of along with the main petition-*Rawjinder Kaur and another (supra)*.

5. As petitioners had preferred aforesaid writ petition before this Court which was disposed of in 2023, the findings recorded by respondents in the impugned order are factually incorrect. Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to re-consider claim of petitioners. Let the needful be done within a period of two months from today.

6. Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

May 18, 2026

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Whether speaking / reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No