

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

CWP-34277-2025

Date of decision: 08.01.2026

Prem Chand

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Deepak Grover, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Piyush Khanna, Addl.A.G., Haryana.

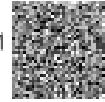
Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Advocate
for respondents No.2 & 3.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents No.2 & 3 to appoint the petitioner in place of his deceased father under Ex-Gratia Scheme as the father of the petitioner has been expired during period of service on 19.10.2003.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice (Annexure P-9) of the petitioner is decided by respondent No.2 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Per contra, learned counsel for respondents No.2 & 3 submits that father of the petitioner has died in harness on 19.10.2003 and the petitioner has filed the present petition after a delay of 22 years, as such, the present petition suffers from delay and laches. He further submits that he has no objection in

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case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 for time-bound consideration and decision of the legal notice of the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, respondent No.2 is directed to consider the legal notice (Annexure P-9) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording him 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