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

CWP-39304-2025

Date of decision: 13.01.2026

Mandeep Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

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 respondent-authorities to consider and finalize the claim of the petitioner for compassionate appointment in accordance with the policy dated 21.11.2002 (Annexure P-7) and re-launched scheme dated 06.12.2022 (Annexure P-10) and further for directing the respondent-authorities to provide employment to the petitioner on compassionate grounds on Class-III or Class-IV post.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that the father of the petitioner who was serving erstwhile the Punjab State Electricity Board and mother of the petitioner, were killed in a terrorist incident on 18.05.1991. The petitioner was merely three and a half years old at that time. Further, the Punjab Government's Policy dated 21.11.2002 allowed the minors to apply for compassionate appointment upon attaining the age majority. The

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petitioner applied for compassionate appointment after attaining majority in the year 2008 but before any decision was taken, the aforesaid policy was discontinued in the year 2009. A new policy was circulated on 06.12.2022 (Annexure P-10) for wards of deceased employees of the respondent-Corporation who died before the cut off date fixed in the policy i.e. 16.04.2010. The petitioner applied again under this Scheme completing all formalities but the respondents have not decided and not taken any decision on the same.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has limited his prayer to the extent that the present petition be treated as a comprehensive representation and the same be decided in a time bound manner by passing a speaking order after affording the petitioner an opportunity of being heard.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab and Mr. Sangam Garg, Advocate put in appearance and accept notice on behalf of respondent No.1-State and respondents No.2 to 4, respectively.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the grievance raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition would be considered by passing a speaking order in accordance with the law by respondent(s)/competent authority.

7. In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the present writ petition is disposed of and the Board of Directors to the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. is directed to treat this writ petition as a comprehensive representation and consider the claim 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 the Board of Directors to the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.

8. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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