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

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CWP-7746-2025

Date of Decision: 20.03.2025

SANTOSH KUMARI

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. N.K. Malhotra, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents for granting gratuity to the petitioner being covered matter in view of judgment dated 25.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) and judgment dated 06.12.2023 (Annexure P-6) alongwith interest @ 9% per annum.

After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has got served a legal notice dated 15.10.2024 (Annexure P-3) but the respondents have neither paid the outstanding dues to the petitioner nor have they taken any action upon the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if so advised.

Ms. Shaweta Nahata, Sr. Panel Counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.4 and also prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if necessary.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.2- Director, Women and Child Development Department, Haryana, Panchkula is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 15.10.2024 (Annexure P-3) served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State Counsel does not have any objection to the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above; with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 15.10.2024 (Annexure P-3) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of three months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that upon considering the said legal notice, if any amount is found due and payable to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed in favour of the petitioner within a further period of two months.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

MARCH 20, 2025.

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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No