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

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CWP 27806 of 2025

Date of Decision: 22.09.2025

Kuldeep Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Virinder K. Shukla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue a Writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents to release the pensionary/terminal benefits, i.e., the family pension and gratuity to the petitioner on account of death of her husband, under the Old Pension Scheme contained in Punjab Civil Services Rules Vol.-II Part-I in view of the Punjab Government Instructions dated 08.10.2021 (Annexure P-2), 30.08.2023 (Annexure P-3), 23.01.2024 (Annexure P-4) and 05.02.2020 (Annexure P-5) and to grant arrears alongwith interest at the rate of 12% per annum.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has already served a legal notice dated 21.07.2025 (Annexure P-7) on the respondents, but no decision has been

conveyed to her so far. At this stage, he would be satisfied, in case appropriate directions are issued to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 21.07.2025 (Annexure P-7) in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and has no serious objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

6. At this stage, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 21.07.2025 (Annexure P-7) submitted by the petitioner within a period of four months of date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with rules and instructions.

7. It is expected that respondent No.2 shall pass a speaking and well reasoned order and in case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled to any relief, all consequential benefits may also be allowed to her alongwith some reasonable rate of interest.

8. Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

22.09.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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