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CWP-16552-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.07.2025

Parvinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARYPresent: Mr. Dinesh Kumar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Shruti, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the writ petition is for quashing of order dated 07.02.2024 (Annexure P/8), whereby claim of the petitioner for grant of ex-gratia compensation to the dependent who died in harness while on duty during covid-19 pandemic, has been rejected.

2. Learned counsel submits that husband of the petitioner was working in the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Mansa. During pandemic of Covid-19, Government had given instructions for establishment of Covid Centre and to provide Level 1 and Level 2 facilities to the corona patients, at these centre. The duty was assign to 'District Mal Lekha Shakha' which is under the supervision of the Superintend of Deputy Commissioner Office, Mansa. He got infected with corona virus on 11.09.2020 and was accordingly admitted in Civil Hospital, Mansa and was thereafter referred to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot, where he died on 20.09.2020. Even a 'letter of appreciation' was issued in his favour by none other than the Deputy Commissioner, Mansa, on 26.01.2010 (Annexure P/1), confirming that he

died due to covid while performing duty and was being thus honoured for his contribution and achievements.

3. It is on account thereof that the petitioner applied for ex-gratia in terms of policy dated 08.05.2020 issued by the respondents for the family dependents of the employees who died due to harness due to covid-19 pandemic while performing official duty. However, the representation submitted by the petitioner has been rejected by the respondents without assigning any reason vide the impugned order dated 07.02.2024.

4. The aforesaid facts having been brought out, during the course of hearing, learned State counsel, on instructions, states that the respondents would not be averse to having a relook at the matter and decide afresh, taking note of the aforesaid submissions and representation Annexure P/7, within a period of four months uninfluenced by the order(s) impugned in the present case, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner.

5. The aforesaid satisfies the learned counsel for the petitioner.

6. The matter stands disposed of accordingly and if the petitioner is found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to her interest, the same may be passed after granting opportunity of hearing to her and shall contain reasons, whereupon she shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

7. All pending misc. application(s) also stand disposed of.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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1. Whether speaking/reasoned? : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable? : Yes/No