

**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

WP(C) No. 1016/2026

Sudershana Vaid

.....Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Surya Dev Singh, Advocate.

Vs

Punjab National Bank & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through:

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAHUL BHARTI, JUDGE

ORDER
(17.04.2026)

1. The petitioner is widow of Shiv Kumar Vaid who was a bank employee in employment of the Oriental Bank of Commerce which had come to be amalgamated in the year 2020 with the Punjab National Bank (PNB).
2. The petitioner's husband Shiv Kumar Vaid died in harness on **23.10.2009** at which point of time the bank-Oriental Bank of Commerce was having a legal responsibility and obligation to offer *ex gratia* payment stipulated for the kith and kin of the diseased employee dying in harness but the petitioner remained unapproached by the Bank authorities subjecting her to suffer deprivation of the payment of the said amount.
3. The petitioner was 49 years of age when she lost her husband with responsibility of two unmarried daughters and two unmarried sons along with mother-in-law who was 88 years old.
4. The petitioner is now coming forward though on a delayed note but, nevertheless, with a hope that what was entitled to be paid

to her voluntarily by the Oriental Bank of Commerce is obliged to be offered by the Punjab National Bank, the successor-in-interest of Oriental Bank of Commerce and for that purpose, the writ petition is being preferred.

5. Issue notice to the respondents.
6. Petitioner to furnish registered postal covers for service of the respondents within a period of seven days whereupon Registrar Judicial, Jammu to issue notice to the respondents.
7. List on **29.05.2026**.

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17.04.2026
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