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

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**CWP-8949-2026
Decided On: 24.03.2026**

ANITA ALIAS PAPPI AND OTHERS

....PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Puneet Kumar Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (ORAL)

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1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release Death-cum-Terminal Benefits of Gratuity, Leave Encashment, Provident Fund, Benevolent Fund, Life Insurance Amount, Family Pension and all other retiral benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum from the date of death of deceased employee till its actual payment.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Harbhajan Singh Dhandi, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 3, having been served with an advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-FCI and assures this Court that the legal notice dated 12.01.2026 (Annexure P-5) shall be decided, by passing a speaking order, in accordance with law.



4. In light of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, Respondent No. 2, the General Manager, FCI, Regional Office, Punjab, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh, is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 12.01.2026 (Annexure P-5) after affording the petitioners a proper opportunity of personal hearing, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. If the petitioners are found entitled, the due payment shall be released within the following two weeks along with interest at the rate of 6% per annum. In the event that the petitioners are found not entitled to the relief sought, a detailed and reasoned (speaking) order shall be passed in accordance with law. A copy of the order so passed shall be provided to the petitioners within one week thereafter.

5. The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

24.03.2026

Naina Rajput

Whether speaking/reasoned

:Yes/No

Whether reportable

:Yes/No