

PUBLIC GRIEVANCES COMMISSION
GOVT. OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
I.P. Estate (near ITO), Vikas Bhawan, M-Block, New Delhi-110110
Tel Nos. 011-23379900-01 Fax No.011-23370903
Order under Para 2(B) of the PGC Resolution No F.4/14/94-AR dated 25.9.97

Date of hearing: 20.07.2020

Complainant : Sh. Roop Chand

Respondent : The Commissioner,
Labour Department,
through
Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta,
Dy. Labour Commissioner – Present

Grievance No. : PGC/2020/Labour/02
Grievance date : 21.01.2020

1. Brief facts of the complaint

- 1.1 Sh. Roop Chand has filed a grievance in PGC on 21.01.2020 regarding non release of compensation amount deposited with the Labour Department.
- 1.2 Sh. Roop Chand, the then Jr. Line Man in Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) met with accident in the year 1997 and suffered 75% disability, for which, he was awarded compensation under the Workmen Compensation Act amounting to Rs.58,625/-. The cheque bearing no. 233301 dated 11.07.1997 was deposited in SBI, Chandni Chowk branch, Delhi and through annex letter, was also forwarded by Chief Labour Welfare Officer to the Commissioner (Workmen's Compensation), Labour Department, GNCT of Delhi. The complainant's grievance is that he had not claimed the said amount since 1997 and therefore, the Labour Department may release the compensation amount now.

2. Facts emerged during the proceedings

- 2.1 Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Dy. Labour Commissioner is present in the hearing and has submitted copy of letter addressed by Ms. Neeru Thakran, Inspecting Officer to the complainant dated 14.07.2020, stating therein that *"this is with reference to your online PGC complaint dated 21.01.2020, received in this office from PGC on the subject mentioned above vide which you have*

*requested to release compensation amount deposited with Labour department.
This is 23 year old case. The records are not traceable.*

*In this regard, you or your authorized representative may visit the office of
Secretary-cum-Labour Commissioner, 5 Sham Nath Marg, Civil Lines, Delhi –
54 and to meet Sh. Arvind, Litigation Assistant on any working day between 11
AM to 5 PM with relevant records.”*

- 2.2 Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta, Dy. Labour Commissioner present in the hearing stated that the case pertains to the year 1997 (i.e. more than 23 years old) and therefore, the records pertaining to the case are not traceable by the department.

3. Directions

- 3.1 The case stands closed in the Commission as more than 23 years have passed and the period of the complainant's grievance pertains to the year 1997 and thus, being time barred, the case cannot be heard in the Commission any more.

**(SMT. MADHU SHARAN)
MEMBER (PGC)**

No. PGC/2020/Labour/02/

Dated:

Copy to:

1. The Commissioner, Labour Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi,
5 - Sham Nath Marg, New Delhi-110054.
2. Ms. Anita Rana, Dy. Labour Commissioner(Admn.)/HOO,
Labour Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 5 - Sham Nath Marg,
New Delhi - 110054.
3. Sh. Roop Chand