

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

CWP No. 14732 of 2015

Date of Decision: July 23, 2015

Swaran Singh & others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. H.K. Brinda, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (Oral):

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioners that despite the petitioners being entitled to the allotment of the General Provident Fund Account Number, they have been allotted the Permanent Pension Account Number and also the consequential benefits. In the light of the judgment passed by this Court in CWP No.1432 of 2012, titled as 'Som Nath & others Vs. State of Punjab & others', decided on 20.01.2013 (Annexure P-5), highlighting their grievances and asserting their rights for allotment of the General Provident Fund Account Number, petitioners have submitted a representation dated 22.04.2015 (Annexure P-6) to the Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar-respondent No.3 but no decision thereon, till date has been taken and conveyed to the petitioners nor they have been allotted the General Provident Fund Account Number as per the aforesaid judgment.

Counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar-respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 22.04.2015 (Annexure P-6) within some specified time .

In the light of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioners, the present writ petition is disposed of, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, with directions to the Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Division, Rupnagar, Tehsil and District Rupnagar-respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 22.04.2015 (Annexure P-6) within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, the claim of the petitioners is accepted, the General Provident Fund Account Number be issued to them, within a further period of one month. The decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioners forthwith.

July 23, 2015
Harish

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
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