

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No. 22544 of 2014 (O&M)

Date of decision:-16.02.2016

Birbal and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

Present: Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Mukesh Kaushik, DAG, Haryana.

RAJESH BINDAL, J.

The petitioners have approached this Court with a grievance that the old age pension already being granted to them from 2009 onwards in terms of Old Age Allowance Scheme, 2005 was stopped w.e.f. December, 2011, without any notice to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the State submitted that in terms of order dated 29.08.2012 passed by this Court in **CWP No. 13209 of 2011** titled as **Court on its own motion Vs. State of Haryana**, a Committee was constituted to verify the genuineness of all the recipients of old age pension. The persons getting the pension were to appear before the Committee. The petitioners No.1 and 2 despite notice did not appear before the Committee. Petitioner No. 3 appeared before the Committee. Her pension was restored and she is presently getting the pension. He further submitted that in case petitioners No. 1 and 2 appear before the Committee, their claim

shall be examined and in case they are found to be entitled to the pension, the same shall be continued and even arrears shall also be paid, after taking due permission from the Director Social Justice and Welfare Department, Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners No. 1 and 2 will appear before the Committee.

Let petitioners No. 1 and 2 appear before the Committee constituted for verification of the claims i.e. Deputy Commissioner Bhiwani as Chairman of the scrutiny Committee on 04.03.2016 or on any date informed to them thereafter. In case, it is found that petitioners No. 1 and 2 are and were entitled to grant of old age pension, the same shall be continued. The arrears from December, 2011 onwards shall also be paid, after getting necessary sanction.

Needful shall be done within a period of three months from the date petitioners No. 1 and 2 appear before the Committee.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

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**(RAJESH BINDAL)
JUDGE**