

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

(232)

CWP-23054-2016

Date of Decision: October 29, 2019

Madan Lal & others

.. Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. S.K. Rattan, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioners is that they have retired from various Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad which come under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat but their pension and other pensionary benefits are being delayed by the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samitis on the ground that they are not getting the liquor tax, which the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad are to get under the policy dated 14.06.2012 (Annexure P-4) in time, out of which, petitioners are paid pension every month.

The prayer of the petitioners is for issuance of a direction to the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance to release the share of each Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad, in respect of the liquor tax immediately, which benefit is usually passed through the Director Rural Development, so that pensionary benefits of the employees of the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samitis are not delayed.

Learned counsel for the respondents, keeping in view the short reply filed by the respondents, states that there are no dues pending as of

now. Learned counsel for the respondents further states that all the efforts are made to release the share of Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad in respect of the liquor tax at the earliest so as to avoid any inconvenience to the retired employees. Counsel for the respondents further assures this Court that continuous efforts will be made to release the share of the Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishad for the release of the liquor tax, in time so as to avoid inconvenience to the retired employees for the payment of their retiral benefits and pension.

Learned counsel for the respondents further states that in case the petitioners face this kind of difficulty of non release of their pension or pensionary benefits, within time frame every month, they should approach the Director, Department of Rural Development, Punjab with the representation and the said representation will be decided expeditiously within a period of one months from the receipt of said representation so as to redress the grievance of the petitioners.

Keeping in view the above, learned counsel for the petitioners states that keeping in view the statement of the learned counsel for the respondent-State, no grievance of the petitioners survives, at this stage and the present writ petition be disposed of having not pressed.

Ordered accordingly.

Petitioners are also given liberty to approach this Court by availing appropriate remedy in case for two consequent months, their pension is not released in time, seeking appropriate direction from this Court in that regard.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

October 29, 2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether reportable: No