

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

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**CWP-24784-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.09.2019**

Mall Singh and Others

... Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and Others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. P.K.Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Samina Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

Grievance of the petitioners, who are daily wagers, is that they have not been paid their wages/salary for the months June to August, 2018 i.e the period for which they had worked with the respondent/department of Forest.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that being daily wagers, the petitioners live on day to day basis and have no source to survive and they were compelled to beg and borrow for the period they were not paid. The petitioners have been running from pillar to post to get the arrears of their wages but the same have not been paid due to freezing of the designated bank account No.0732104000018036 of IDBI Bank, from where they are/were paid their wages, as the said account is stated to be the designated bank account maintained by the department of Forest for the purpose of paying wages to the daily wagers, particularly , for the relevant period.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Malkeet Singh, Forest Range Assistant, Ferozepur Division, submits that it is perforce that the department is unable to pay the daily wages of the petitioners in view of

the aforesaid bank account having been frozen under the judicial orders passed in the execution proceedings as is reflected from order dated 02.08.2019 (Annexure P-5). She further submits that appropriate application was filed before the Executing Court and the same was dismissed and further steps are being taken to disburse the arrears of wages to the petitioners as soon as possible. She has drawn my attention to order/letter dated 13.08.2019 (Annexure P-3) vide which sanction of an amount of Rs.88,22,343/- has been sought from the Government in order to satisfy/pay the decretal amount qua which the execution proceedings are pending.

In the premise, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to take a decision in terms of letter dated 13.08.2019 (Annexure P-3) within a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and disburse the arrears of salary to the petitioners within a period of 30 days thereafter.

Disposed of in above terms.

13.09.2019
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether Reportable	: Yes/No