

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

**CWP-32046-2018(O&M)
Date of decision-29.08.2019**

Sarpanch Union, Block Amloh, Distt. Fatehgarh Sahib

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. S.S. Siao, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, DAG, Punjab,
assisted by Mr. Inderjit Singh, Superintendent,
Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

Prayer in the instant writ petition is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to pay honorarium to the members of the petitioner-Union being elected Sarpanches of various villages of Block Amloh.

Learned counsel refers to notification dated 02.11.2011 (Annexure P-1), issued by the the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat (Election Branch), to contend that the petitioners are entitled to receive honorarium at the rate of ₹1,200/- per month w.e.f. 01.11.2011. Earlier, the payment was being made regularly but no amount has been paid for the last two years and eight months.

On the other hand, learned State counsel, on instructions, does not dispute the factual position with regard to the admissibility of the claim, but states that the payment could not be made due to paucity of funds.

Heard.

In view of the fact that there is no dispute with regard to the admissibility of the claim raised by the petitioners and the non-payment of honorarium has been attributed solely to the paucity of funds, which stands is not available to the State, this petition is allowed. The respondents are directed to make payment of the honorarium due to the petitioners along with interest @ 6.5% per annum within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt the certified copy of this order.

(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

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