

CWP-429-2020

Date of decision : November 26, 2020

PARMINDER SINGH AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition is for directing the respondents to release full amount deposited by the petitioners towards their contributory provident fund alongwith 18% interest thereon.

Learned counsel for the petitioners refers to order dated 16.03.2020 in CWP-260-2020 (Jaswinder Singh and others versus State of Punjab and others) to submit that the petitioners therein were held entitled to interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of accrual till the date of disbursal. The respondents were directed to release the amount in question to the said petitioners within six weeks. It is submitted that despite submission of legal notice dated 01.11.2019, no action is being taken by the respondent – authorities.

Learned counsel for the State to whom an advance copy of the petitioner has been supplied, submits that the petitioners' claim shall be considered in accordance with law.

Keeping in view the above, this petition is disposed of at this stage without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, with a direction to the

competent authority to treat the present writ petition as a representation on behalf of the petitioners and decide the petitioners' claim expeditiously, in accordance with law and with reference to order dated 16.03.2020 in CWP-260-2020 and preferably within period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. The amount, if any, due to the petitioners be released to them within six weeks thereafter.

November 26, 2020
Rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No