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

**CWP No.15823 of 2020
Date of decision : 30.9.2020**

Kulwinder Kaur and others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice G.S. Sandhawalia

Present:- Mr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners
Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab.

(The proceedings have been conducted through Video
conferencing as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioners seek direction to the respondents to pay the honorarium allowance to the petitioners who were elected Sarpanchs of Gram Panchayat of different villages of block Mahilpur from the day they were elected as Sarpanch till the date of dissolution of Gram Panchayats in Block Mahilpur for fresh elections along with interest @ 18% per annum in pursuance to notification dated 2.11.2011 (Annexure P/1).

The claim is based upon the direction issued in **Civil Writ Petition No.28253 of 2017-Bal Krishan and others Vs. State of Punjab and others** decided on 10.1.2019 (Annexure P/2) which is stated to have been duly complied with by the respondents.

It is submitted that the petitioners have served legal notice dated 13.12.2019 (Annexure P/3) to the respondents for granting the said relief which is not being acted upon. Reference is made to the

notification dated 2.11.2011 (Annexure P/1) to submit that the petitioners are entitled to receive Rs.1200/- per month with effect from the date they have been elected as Sarpanches.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Keeping in view the fact that the decision making process is still to be completed, this Court is of the opinion that there is no requirement of calling for any reply on behalf of the respondents.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case or entitlement of the petitioners as such regarding the relief claimed, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2 to take into consideration the legal notice dated 13.12.2019 (Annexure P/3) and take a decision on the said notice expeditiously preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order. It is made clear that in case the petitioners are held entitled for whatever amount, the same shall be released within a period of two months. In case of any legal impediment is to be passed then a reasoned order be passed by the said respondent and copy thereof be supplied to the counsel for the petitioners.

The present writ petition is disposed off with the aforesaid directions.

30.09.2020
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(G.S.Sandhawalia)
Judge