

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

CWP-13361-2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: September 02, 2020.

KHALSA COLLEGE AMRITSAR AND OTHERS

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, D.A.G., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

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

Prayer in this writ petition is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the entire pending, admitted balance claims of grant-in-aid, for disbursement to the teaching/non-teaching staff and retiring teacher staff.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are private aided institutes, receiving grant in aid, to the extent of 95% and the respondents are duty bound to release grant in aid, to the extent of 95% to the petitioners. It is submitted that all the formalities have been complied with, but the respondent-State has not released the grant-in-aid.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts the prayer for a direction to the competent authorities to decide legal notice dated 18.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) in a time bound manner. It is further submitted that

the petitioners shall produce before the authorities, any document, which may be required by the respondents to conclude the matter.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above and the limited prayer addressed, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.3-The Director Public Instructions (Colleges), Punjab, to consider and decide legal notice dated 18.12.2019 (Annexure P-2). Authorised persons of the petitioners shall appear before respondent no.3 on 7th and 8th September, 2020 alongwith necessary documents. The matter be finally decided by respondent no.3 within four weeks thereafter. In case of any amount found due towards the petitioners, same be released within four weeks subsequent thereto.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No