

CWP No. 14034 of 2020
Date of decision : 10.09.2020

Subhash Mattu and others

..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Ms.Aarti, Advocate
for Mr.Rahul Bhargava, Advocate
for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Instant writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to pay honorarium to the petitioners in the capacity of being elected Sarpanches of different villages falling under District Hoshiarpur.

Counsel has referred to Notification dated 02.11.2011 (Annexure P-1) issued by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat (Election Branch) to contend that the petitioners are entitled to receive honorarium @ Rs. 1200/-per month with effect from the date they were elected as Sarpanches.

It is contended that no amount has been paid till date.

At this stage counsel submits that a legal notice already stands served with regard to the claim raised in the instant petition and she would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to look into the matter.

Prayer made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

Accordingly without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without opining on the merits of the claim, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, State of Punjab to examine the claim of the petitioners against the backdrop of a legal notice dated 29.06.2020 (Annexure P-3) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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