

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

**CWP-14269-2020
Date of Decision : 14.09.2020**

Rajinder Singh and others Petitioners
Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

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

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19.

Through this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for issuance of direction to respondents to pay the honorarium allowances to the petitioners who are the elected Sarpanches of various villages of Block Garshankar, District Hoshiarpur, from the day they are elected till date alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, referring the Notification dated 02.11.2011 (Annexure P-1), issued by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayat (Election Branch), contends that the petitioners are entitled to received honorarium @ Rs.1200/- per month with effect from the date they were elected as Sarpanches. He further contends that no amount has been paid till date.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that a

legal notice already stands served with regard to claim raised in the instant petition and he would be satisfied if the writ petition be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to look into the matter.

Prayer made by counsel for the petitioners 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 No2 i.e. Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab to examine the claim of the petitioners against the backdrop of a legal notice dated 25.02.2020 (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.

Ordered accordingly.

14.09.2020

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**(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No