

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

**CWP-5536-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:09.03.2021**

Joginder Singh & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

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

Petitioners seeks a mandamus for directing the respondents to release full amount deposited by them towards Contributory Provident Fund along with 18% interest thereupon.

Counsel has referred to an order dated 16.03.2020 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in **CWP-260-2020 (Jaswinder Singh & others Vs. State of Punjab & others)** to submit that the petitioners therein were held entitled to interest @ 6% per annum from the date of accrual till the date of disbursal. Respondents were directed to release to the petitioners the said amount within a period of six weeks.

Counsel submits that inspite of a legal notice dated 21.12.2020 (Annexure P-4) having been served, no action has been taken by the respondent/authorities.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the

correctness of the averments made in the petition, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 21.12.2020 (Annexure P-4) expeditiously and in any case, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that if any amount is found due, the same would be released to the petitioners without any further delay.

09.03.2021*harjeet***(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)****JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable? | Yes/No |