

CWP-5951-2021

Date of decision : March 15, 2021

JAGRAJ SINGH AND OTHERS

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

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

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl. AG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

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

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents for release of full amount deposited by the petitioners towards contributory provident fund alongwith 18% interest thereon.

Learned counsel for the petitioners relies upon order dated 16.03.2020 in CWP-260-2020 (Jaswinder Singh and others versus State of Punjab and others) to submit that petitioners therein were held entitled to the interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of accrual till the date of disbursal. It is submitted that the petitioners have served legal notice dated 30.12.2020 (Annexure P4) in respect to their claim but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts the prayer for a direction that legal notice dated 30.12.2020 (Annexure P4), be decided by the authorities in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and the limited prayer addressed, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide legal notice dated 30.12.2020 (Annexure P4), expeditiously, in accordance

with law and with reference to order dated 16.03.2020 in CWP-260-2020 and preferably within period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. The amount, if any, due to the petitioners be released to them within six weeks thereafter.

March 15, 2021
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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No