

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

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IN VIRTUAL COURT

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**CWP No. 7066 of 2021
Date of decision : 25.3.2021**

Dalsher Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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

Rajbir Sehrawat, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing respondents No. 3 to 5 to deposit the provident fund amount of the petitioners from January 2019 to October 2019 and February 2020, which the respondents have stopped depositing; in violation of statutory provisions contained in Section 3 of the Employees' Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (in short 'the Act'); despite the fact that the amount has been determined by the Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner vide orders dated 12.6.2019 and 12.7.2019.

A bare perusal of the claim made in the writ petition shows that for enforcement of the liability of the respondents to deposit the EPF, there is a complete code contained in the Act, wherein the authorities have been given all the powers; including the power of coercion; to enforce the provisions of the Act. Hence, the petitioners are having alternate statutory remedy to approach

the said statutory authorities to enforce the provisions of the said Act.

This Court does not find any reason to interfere in the matter. Therefore, the present petition is dismissed; with liberty to the petitioners to approach the statutory authorities, if so considered appropriate by them.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

25.3.2021
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Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Reportable	:	Yes/No