

CWP-11802-2021

Date of Decision: July 06, 2021

Sudarshan Kumar and another

.....Petitioners

versus

Punjab Wakf Board

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Dinesh Ghai, Advocate with
Mr. Nikhil Ghai, Advocate
for petitioners

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners and prior to them their predecessors are lessees of agricultural land owned by the Wakf Board. Earlier, a dispute regarding rent had taken place leading to filing of CWP No. 13005 of 2009 and connected matters. During the pendency thereof, the parties reached an amicable settlement and rate of rent was increased from Rs. 1000/- per acre to Rs. 15,000/- per acre w.e.f. 01.03.2017.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in accordance with order dated 27.02.2017, all arrears have been paid and w.e.f. 01.03.2017, rent @ Rs. 15,000/- per acre has been paid upto 31.12.2018. Thereafter, the respondent has refused to accept rent. Thus, a representation dated 24.03.2021 (Annexure P-3) has been submitted but neither the same is being decided nor rent is being accepted. The petitioners undertake to deposit the arrears due till date as well as future rent upto 31.03.2022 within two months from today, in case the Wakf Board accepts the same.

Considering the nature of the relief sought and the order being passed, issuance of notice of motion to the respondent is dispensed with.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent to decide the pending representation dated 24.03.2021 (Annexure P-3) by passing a speaking order and after granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners within eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

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JUDGE

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