

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

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CWP No.8736 of 2021 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 23rd APRIL, 2021

Narinder Singh & ors.

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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In virtual Court
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Present : Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioners.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have filed this petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the letter dated 07.10.2020 (Annexure P-4); office order dated 15.03.2021 (Annexure P-5) circulated by the Chief Engineer, Canal-I, Water Resources Department, Punjab-respondent No.3, vide which the pension record of the petitioners has been directed to be transferred from Sidhwan Canal Division, Ludhiana to Lehel Division (I.B. Area), Patiala and office order dated 25.03.2021 (Annexure P-6) circulated by the Executive Engineer, Canal Lining Area division vide which the pension record of the petitioners has been directed to be handed over to the Lehal Division (I.B. Area), Patiala immediately, since the same is without any authority and have been issued merely in the basis of alleged oral orders, along with certain other prayers.

A perusal of the claim of the petitioners shows that the petitioners are seeking a direction to restrain the respondents from shifting the office record from one place to another place. The aspect, where the State wants to keep its official records, is none of the concern of the petitioners. Moreover, the petitioners are already retired from the service. Even their pension is being paid as determined till today. This petition is not raising any dispute regarding their pension as such. As and when, and if, the petitioners raise any dispute regarding any pensionary aspect, it is for the State to respond to that, irrespective of the fact as to at what place the official records are maintained. Hence, by no means, the petitioners are affected persons qua the prayer made in the present petition.

Finding that the petitioners do not have any *locus standi*, the present petition is dismissed.

23rd APRIL, 2021
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>