

CWP-9521-2021

Date of decision: 29.09.2021

Labha Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioners have invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* for issuance of directions to the respondents to grant petitioners the benefit of leave encashment for 450 days in lieu of unutilized earned leave lying at their credit on the dates of their superannuation rather than payments of 300 earned leaves (paid to the petitioners) along with all arrears of pay and consequential benefits with interest @ 12% per annum.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Kanika Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. Copy supplied.

Heard.

Upon hearing learned counsel of both the sides and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to the official respondents to consider the legal notice dated 26.02.2021 (Annexure P-4) as representation moved by the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

If found entitled and if there is no impediment for the release of payment, the same be granted to the petitioner without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

29.09.2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No