

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

CWP No.23084 of 2021

Date of decision: 15th November, 2021

Kala Singh & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

Present: Mr. Shashi Bhushan Nagpal, Advocate for the petitioners.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioners have invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of mandamus for issuance of directions to the respondents to release the payment of gratuity and leave encashment with interest from the due date of retirement of the petitioners in terms of policy of the Government (Annexure P4 and P5); as well as to decide the legal notice dated 22.01.2021 (Annexure P-7).

Heard.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, Asst. Advocate General, Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents. Copy of the paper book has been supplied to her.

Upon hearing learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with direction to the respondents to consider the legal notice dated 22.01.2021 (Annexure P-7) as representation of 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 a 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 petitioners without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

November 15, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No