

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

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CWP-3184-2020 (O&M).

Date of Decision: 01.12.2022.

Ludhiana Sikh Migrants Welfare Board (Regd.)

Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present Mr. Sanjiv Ghai, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Imran A. Ali, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.3 to inquire into the matter of misappropriation of rehabilitation grant for the families of 1984 Sikh riots victims settled in Punjab.

Reply by way of affidavit of Amarjit Bains, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Khanna Camp Office Ludhiana, on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, had been filed on 16.09.2022 as per which the complaints submitted have been sent to the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, vide letter dated 24.05.2022 (Annexure R-2).

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that he is satisfied so far as the substantive prayer made by the petitioner is concerned since the directions have been issued to the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, to inquire into the matter. He, however, submits that the letter in question was sent by the FCR Department on 24.05.2022 and despite lapse of nearly 06 months, no substantive progress has taken place. It is contended that the petitioner would be satisfied in case the Chief Director, Vigilance Bureau, Punjab, is directed to complete the inquiry in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel submits that the matter shall be examined expeditiously and the inquiry shall be completed preferably within a period of six months.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of as not pressed, at this stage. The State shall remain bound by the statement made today in the Court.

December 01, 2022.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No