

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

CWP No.5544 of 2022
Date of Decision:21.03.2022
(Heard through VC)

Sukhwinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. J.S. Mohri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

The instant civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction especially a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the amount of Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) contribution made by the petitioners along with interest accrued thereon.

Counsel for the petitioners would contend that the petitioners were appointed as Special Police Officers (SPOs) under the Police Act, 1861 and regularized between 2004-2009. Thereafter, vide instruction dated 12.12.2006 issued by the Punjab Government, New Contributory Pension Scheme w.e.f. 01.01.2004 was introduced and made applicable to all newly recruited employees. Aggrieved against the said notification, petitioners along with other similar situated persons approached this Hon'ble High Court and said relief has been given to them. Thereafter, petitioners were directed to be covered under

the old pension scheme by counting their service rendered prior to 01.01.2004 and were allotted GPF Nos. Therefore, petitioners request the respondents to release the amount of Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) contribution made by them along with interest accrued thereon.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his claim to the legal notice dated 16.12.2021 (Annexure P-6) to be decided expeditiously, preferably within a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. C.L. Pawar, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is appearing through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Let a copy of the entire writ petition along with Annexures be served upon him within three days.

The present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 16.12.2021 (Annexure P-6) in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

March 21, 2022
P.Bhatt

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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