

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

**CWP No.13202 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 04.07.2022**

Hardeep Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- Mr. Roopak Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to bring the petitioners under the ambit of old Pension Scheme in view of the provisions of the Punjab Panchayat Samitis and Zila Parishads Employees Pension and Provident Fund Rules, 2000 as well as in view of the communication dated 23.02.2017 (P-5). Further prayer is to direct the respondents to open the Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) account at State level numbers as well as to decide the representation dated 17.09.2021 (P-9) in a time bound manner.

At the outset, learned Counsel on instructions from the petitioners submits that instead of pressing the present petition on merits, his clients would

be satisfied in case the representation dated 17.09.2021 (P-9) is decided expeditiously.

Notice of motion to the aforesaid limited extent.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent(s) and raises no objection against the innocuous prayer of the petitioners.

In view of the above, but without expressing any opinion on merits of the claim of the petitioners, this writ petition is disposed off with direction to the competent authority to consider and decide the aforesaid representation dated 17.09.2021 (P-9) by passing reasoned order as per law within four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case there is a failure on the part of competent authority, petitioners would be at liberty to move an appropriate application for revival of this writ petition and the same shall be considered as per law.

July 4th, 2022
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No