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

CWP-11386-2022

Date of Decision: 25.05.2022

GULZAR SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

Prayer in this writ petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ, order or direction especially a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the amount of CPF contribution made by the petitioners along with interest accrued thereon, as has been done in the case of similarly situated employees who approached this Court by way of CWP No.2503 of 2020, decided on 30.01.2020 (Annexure P-4) and CWP No.3169 of 2020, decided on 06.02.2020 (Annexure P-5).

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners would submit that for the similar relief, the petitioners have made a representation to the respondent department, but no action was taken thereon. They have even served a legal notice dated 23.02.2022 (Annexure P-6), followed by a reminder dated 16.02.2022, to which, there has been no response till date. He

would submit that the petitioners would be satisfied in case the said legal notice is decided in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and would submit that the respondents will look into the matter and will take a decision on the legal notice of the petitioners.

Without commenting on merit of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to take a decision on the legal notice dated 23.02.2022 (Annexure P-6) of the petitioners keeping in view the judgments passed by this Court in CWP No.2503 of 2020, decided on 30.01.2020 (Annexure P-4) and CWP No.3169 of 2020, decided on 06.02.2020 (Annexure P-5), within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and convey the decision to the petitioners. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

25.05.2022

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

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