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

CWP-15398-2022

Date of Decision: 19.07.2022

SUKHRAJ SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

The petitioners herein are seeking directions to the respondents to release the amount deposited by them towards Contributory Provident Fund along with interest accrued thereon.

The petitioners were appointed as temporary Special Police Officers in the year 1992-93 and were absorbed on regular basis to the post of Constable between the year 2004-2010. Since the year 2004, a new Contributory Pension Scheme was introduced, therefore, the petitioners, who had made contributions under the CPF, now seek refund of the same in terms of the orders passed in CWP-15003-2020 titled as *Parveen Kumar and others Versus State of Punjab and others*, decided on 21.09.2020 and CWP-13368 of 2020 titled as *S/Ct Sanjiv Kumar and others Versus State of Punjab and others*, decided on 02.09.2020. For redressal of their grievance, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 23.09.2021

(Annexure P-7) upon respondent No.2, but till date no decision has been taken thereon. Counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners would be satisfied in case their legal notice is decided in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, 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.

Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to him during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 23.09.2021 (Annexure P-7) of the petitioners within a period of three 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.

19.07.2022

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No