

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

CWP No. 30476 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 03.11.2022

Satnam Singh Bajwa and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Sahil, SDO, Water Supply & Sanitation Department,
Gurdaspur, in person.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution, *inter alia*, for directing the respondents to release / refund final payment of CPF deducted from the salary of petitioners.

2. In response to notice of motion, reply by way of affidavit dated 30.09.2022 of Sh. Vijay Kumar, Executive Engineer, Water Supply & Sanitation, Division No. 1, Gurdaspur, on behalf of both respondents, has been filed. Same is taken on record and copy thereof supplied to the opposite side. Registry will tag the reply at appropriate place.

3. Paras-6 & 7 of the above affidavit read as under:-

“6. That in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Court, the similarly situated employees were ordered to be covered under the Old Pension Scheme by counting their service rendered prior to the date of their regularization and accordingly all the petitioners of this case also were allotted GPF Numbers.

7. That the amount of contributions paid by the petitioners under the New Pension Scheme has since been released in their favour.”

4. A perusal of extracted paragraphs hereinabove, reveals that amount of CPF deducted from the salary of petitioners, has been refunded through their respective accounts, and as such, prime grievance stands redressed. The details of amount so paid under the New Pension Scheme, is also enclosed with reply as **Annexure R-1**.

5. So far as the relief of interest on delayed payment is concerned, the petitioners would be at liberty to raise their grievance before the authority concerned and same shall be considered as per law within next three months.

6. With the above observations, present writ petition is **disposed off**.

7. In case petitioners feel dis-satisfied with this order, they are at liberty to move an application for revival of present writ petition.

November 03, 2022

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>