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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-23829-2022
Date of decision: 17.10.2022

DHARMINDER SINGH AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate, order or direction in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the amount of Contributory Provident Fund contribution made by the petitioners along with interest accrued thereon, as same benefits have been given to similarly situated persons in *CWP No.29907 of 2018*, titled as *Subhash Chand versus State of Punjab and others*, decided on 14.01.2019 and in *CWP No.2503 of 2020*, titled as *Avtar Singh and others versus State of Punjab and others*, decided on 30.01.2020 (Annexures P-4 and P-5 respectively).

At this stage, counsel for the petitioners limits his prayer to the extent that the legal notice dated 28.06.2022 (Annexure P-6), served upon the respondents should be decided expeditiously. 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.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A. G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the respondents and submits 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 her during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to decide the legal notice dated 28.06.2022 (Annexure P-6) of the petitioners within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the 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.

17.10.2022
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No