

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

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LPA-1673-2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.08.2022

Union of India and others

..... Appellants

Versus

H.B.L. Meena and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present : Mr.P.S.Kanwar, Sr. Panel Counsel
for Union of India.

Mr.Navdeep Singh, Advocate
for the respondents.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

Counsel for Union of India has relied upon a three judge Bench judgment of Hon'ble Apex Court in *Union of India and others vs. M. V. Mohanan Nair, 2020 (5) SCC 421*, to contend that the issue is now squarely covered against the respondents and the judgment of the learned Single Judge in CWP No.28431 of 2013 decided on 31.08.2016 would not be sustainable.

Mr. Navdeep Singh, Advocate appearing for the writ petitioners fairly concedes to the said factual aspect.

Resultantly, keeping in view the above, the instant appeal is allowed and the judgment of learned Single Judge passed in civil writ petition is set aside.

**(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

**(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE**

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