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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-29901-2022  
Date of decision: 22.12.2022

SANDEEP KUMAR AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

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

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**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 writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to release the amount deposited by the petitioners towards Contributory Provident Fund along with interest accrued thereon. In this regard, a legal notice dated 25.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) has been given by the petitioners to the respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A. G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of 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 the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 25.11.2021 (Annexure P-3) 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.

22.12.2022  
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |