

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

Date of decision : 15.02.2023

CWP-21110-2019 (O&M)

Harminder Jit Singh and others Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another ...Respondents

CWP-19775-2020 (O&M)

Bharpur Singh Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present : Mr. Gagan Pradeep S. Bal, Advocate
 for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Rajesh Mehta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

The present matters relate to recoveries being effected on withdrawal of Executive Clerical Cadre Ranks which as per the respondent-State were in the teeth of Rules.

2. Counsel appearing for the parties are *ad idem* that the Officers' Committee under the orders of this Court in **CWP No.566 of 2010** titled as **Ranjit Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others** decided on **4th of March, 2010** is still functional and is looking into the issue of irregular/illegal grant of ranks.

3. In view of the aforesaid fact, copies of the present writ petitions are ordered to be placed before the Officers' Committee for consideration of the grievance raised by the petitioners. The Committee shall grant opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners and shall adjudicate the grievance raised by the petitioners by passing a speaking order within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

4. The decision taken by the Officers' Committee be communicated to the petitioners herein who would be at liberty to challenge the same in case they feel that their grievance still survives.

5. Needless to say any recovery being effected from the petitioners owing to withdrawal of the rank, shall be kept in abeyance till the claim of the petitioners is adjudicated by the Committee and four weeks thereafter.

6. Writ petitions stand disposed off accordingly.

7. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

8. A copy of this order be kept on the file of other connected case.

February 15, 2023
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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No