

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-22750-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 05.12.2023

Pooja Bahuguna @ Pooja Malhotra and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Patiyal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Additional A.G., Punjab.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

On December 04, 2023, this Court had passed the following
order:-

“Learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, at the outset, submits that the authorities are ready and willing to refund the entire amount deposited by the petitioners along with the average Fixed Deposit’s rate of interest. However, he prays for a short accommodation to seek further instructions.

As prayed, adjourned to 05.12.2023.”

Today, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, has brought five cheques, valuing Rs.2,57,899/- (inclusive of interest), for each of the petitioners, issued by the Estate Officer, GMADA (PLOTS), drawn at IDBI Bank, towards full and final settlement of their claim. The cheques, in original, have been handed over to the learned counsel for the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that as regards petitioner Nos. 1 to 4, nothing substantive survives in the petition. However, since Paramjit Kaur (petitioner No.5) had deposited Rs.4,72,000/-, and was even issued the letter of intent, the authorities are required to refund the entire amount deposited by her, along with interest. Therefore, he submits that after deducting Rs.2,57,899/-, for which a cheque in her favour has been received, the authorities are obliged to refund the balance. Further, as regards any other grievance, the petitioner(s) shall move the authorities, if so advised.

To this, learned State counsel submits that the authorities shall re-examine the accounts and the claim of petitioner No.5. And, in case, some more amount is required to be refunded, the needful shall be done within a week from today.

That being so, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that let this petition be disposed of, in terms of the statement made by learned State counsel.

In the wake of the position sketched out above, the petition is accordingly disposed of, in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

05.12.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No