

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

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**CWP-20468-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.01.2023**

M/S GAGAN TRADERS AND ANR

... Petitioners

VERSUS

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND ANR

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Gurminder Singh, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. R.P.S. Bara, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the order dated 06.07.2018 (Annexure P-30) whereby the Grievance Redressal Committee has not granted the relief to the petitioners qua release of pending payments, forfeited bank guarantee and security deposits that have been withheld by respondents No.1 and 2 during the pendency of the investigation by the C.B.I.

Learned counsel for the respondent No.1- Food Corporation of India informs that pursuant to the orders passed by this Court, the matter has been reconsidered by the Grievance Redressal Committee of the respondent No.1- Food Corporation of India and a decision has been taken on 03.01.2023 to withdraw the impugned termination order as well as order impugned herein. Learned Counsel also submits that the pending payments, forfeited bank guarantee and security deposits shall be released forthwith within a period of fifteen days from today.

Learned Sr. Counsel for the petitioners, however, contends that the amount was wrongly withheld by the respondent for no ostensible reason and the petitioners are entitled to claim interest thereupon.

Learned counsel for the respondent No.1-Food Corporation of India, however, submits that no such claim has been made in the present petition.

Taking into consideration that the substantive grievance of the petitioners already stands redressed and this Court need not go into the aspect of interest at this stage, the present petition is accordingly disposed of as having been rendered infructuous with liberty to the petitioners to take recourse of filing an appropriate petition before the Civil Court or any other Forum in the manner known to law claiming interest on the delayed release of the amount in question, if so advised.

Disposed of accordingly.

All other misc. application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

25.01.2023.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*