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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-5953-2000

Date of Decision:07.08.2024

HANS RAJ AND ORS.

..... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PB. AND ORS.

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present : None for the petitioners.

Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking setting aside of notices Annexures P-17 to Annexures P-20 whereby respondent has raised demand from petitioners.

2. The petitioners joined Punjab Police as Special Police Officers (for short 'SPOs'). They were assigned designation of Constable at one point of time, however, respondent on account of judgment of this Court reverted them to the post of SPO. They were again assigned constabulary number. In this process, excess payment as per respondent, was made to petitioners. By impugned notices, the respondent has proposed to recover said amount.

3. Learned State counsel apprised this Court that petitioner No.1 passed away in 2009 and petitioners No.2 and 3 have retired from service. It is only petitioner No.4 who is still working with respondent-department.



4. The recovery of impugned demand was stayed by this Court vide order dated 16.05.2000.
5. The amount involved *qua* all the petitioners is less than ₹80,000/-. Considering amount involved, efflux of time as well as the factum that petitioner No.1 has passed away and petitioners No.2 and 3 have retired from service, the interim order dated 16.05.2000 is hereby made absolute.
6. Disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

07.08.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>