

2024:PHHC:041125

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

134 **CWP-6770-2024**
Date of decision: 21.03.2024

KAMLA DEVI ALIAS PARAMJIT KAUR **...PETITIONER**

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS **...RESPONDENTS**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to release her salary for the month of January' 2024 to March' 2024.
2. The petitioner is claiming that since September' 2023 she is working as cook with Punjab Police. She was getting salary till December' 2023, however, since January' 2024, the respondent is not paying salary.
3. From the perusal of record, it comes out that respondent has withheld salary because petitioner is possessing two Permanent Account Numbers issued by Income Tax Department. She has been asked to get cancelled one Permanent Account Number. She had already applied to Income Tax Authorities to cancel her one Permanent Account Number.
4. Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab submits that respondent would release salary as soon as the petitioner would get her one Permanent Account Number cancelled. The respondent cannot pay salary in cash and bank account is linked with Permanent Account Number.

5. In the wake of peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, this Court cannot ask the State to pay salary in the absence of cancellation of one Permanent Account Number. The petitioner has not impleaded Income Tax Department, thus, this Court cannot ask said authority to consider case of the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of with liberty to petitioner to approach the Income Tax Authority to get her Permanent Account Number cancelled.

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[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]
JUDGE

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