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

CWP-19862-2016 (O&M)

Date of decision:- 27.11.2024

Lakhwinder Kaur

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE**
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. R.S. Bains, Senior Advocate,
with Mr. Anmoldeep Singh, Advocate,
Mr. Inderpal Singh Deol, Advocate,
Mr. Sarabjeet Cheema, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Praveen Chander Goyal, Advocate,
Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate,
for respondent No. 2.

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition, which is categorized as Public Interest Litigation (PIL), raises the alleged public cause of Safai Karamcharis who are working under the Municipal Committee/Nagar Council, Phillaur, District Jalandhar and are getting wages which are less than the minimum wages prescribed by the State of Punjab.

2. It is settled in law that dispute relating to wages of a workman cannot be raised in PIL since the dispute is personal in nature.

3. The petitioner is not a workman and is admittedly a house-wife.



4. Though the cause raised is serious one, but the same needs to be individually raised before an appropriate Forum i.e. the Courts constituted under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 and other Provincial Acts.
5. With the hope and expectation that the Municipal Committee/Nagar Council, Phillaur, District Jalandhar shall abide by the notification issued by the competent authority under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, this Court grants liberty to the concerned aggrieved person(s) to approach the Forum(s) established under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.
6. The petition, accordingly, stands disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

27.11.2024
Amodh Sharma

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