

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

213-3

CWP-3046-2017

Date of Decision : 24.01.2024

Swaran Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Transmission Corp. Ltd. and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present : Mr. A.S. Kakkar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Advocate
for the respondents.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court by filing the present writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to the respondents to release the due monetary benefits to the petitioners on account of the overtime work done by them for the period from 01.01.2015 to 30.09.2016 along with interest.

2. Pursuant to notice of motion order, written statement has been filed by the respondents wherein it has been mentioned as under :-

“1. That the petitioners approached this Hon’ble Court with a prayer for payment of overtime bills submitted by them. However, despite the petitioners not being entitled to the same as the bills have been submitted beyond the prescribed time limit, yet the answering respondents have made allocation for the bills submitted by the petitioners and payments have already been made to all the petitioners. The technical workers of grid Sub-stations as per the orders of the concerned official send the overtime

bills to the office of answering respondent as per work actually done. After passing the bill by the answering respondent, it was referred to the office of Deputy Chief Engineer, PSTCL, Bathinda for pre-audit by the Accounts Officer respondent no. 6 who raised the objection to clear the amount of overtime bills beyond 50 hours in one quarter as per the circular dated 27/2/1997 issued by the respondent Corporation. The payment of overtime bills to the petitioners upto 3rd quarter of the year 2016-17 amounting to Rs. 10,99,685/- has already been made to the petitioners vide order dated 28/11/2017 by Deputy Chief Engineer P & M Circle, PSTCL, Bathinda. The amount pending for the 4th quarter was paid vide order dated 11.10.2018 as per instructions of the Corporation. Thus the present petition has been rendered infructuous. A copy of the acknowledgment made by the petitioners about having received the payments for pending overtime bills is attached as Annexure R-1.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the overtime allowances even for the subsequent period has also been released. He further submits that since the relief claimed in the present petition has already been granted, therefore, the present petition has been rendered infructuous.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioners could not dispute the abovesaid factual position.
5. Disposed of as having become infructuous.

24.01.2024
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No