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

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Date of Decision :13.08.2024

Mandip Kaur

...Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Gurjeet Singh Kaura, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG, Punjab.
(keeping in view advance copy served).

Mr. Pardeep Rajput, Advocate for respondent-UOI.
(keeping in view advance copy served).

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

In the present petition, grievance being raised by the petitioner is that though the petitioner had worked with the respondents as Social Audit Expert at the State level MGNREGA on contract basis and had performed the duties of audit of the MGNREGA expenditure but she has not been paid for conducting the said exercise for the years 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24, which action of the respondents is arbitrary and illegal.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents are liable to be directed to release the consolidated amount of honorarium , which is to be paid to the petitioner in a time bound manner so that the petitioner does not suffer further prejudice.

Notice of motion.

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Mr. Pardeep Rajput, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondent-UOI and Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case, any representation is filed by the petitioner raising the said grievance before respondent No.1 and State of Punjab, the same will be decided separately by respondent No.1-UOI as well as by respondent-State in accordance with law and an appropriate speaking order will be passed within a period of 08 weeks from the date of receipt of such representation and in case, after going through the said representation as well as record, the petitioner is found entitled for any financial benefit, the same will be extended to her otherwise, due reasons for not accepting the claim of the petitioner will be mentioned in the speaking order so passed, which reasons will be conveyed to the petitioner for her information and necessary action.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement made by learned counsel for the respondents, present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to file appropriate representation to the respondent No.1 and State of Punjab.

Ordered accordingly.

August 13, 2024
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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