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

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Date of Decision :13.08.2024

Nishan Singh and others

...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 petitioners is that though the petitioners had worked with the respondents as BRP (Block Resource Person) under the MGNREGA Scheme and had performed the duties of audit of the MGNREGA expenditure but they have 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 petitioners submits that the respondents are liable to be directed to release the consolidated amount of honorarium ,

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which is to be paid to the petitioners in a time bound manner so that the petitioners do not suffer further prejudice.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have already raised the said grievance before the respondents by way of serving legal notice dated 26.07.2024 (Annexures P/12), which is still pending consideration and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case, a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

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 the legal notice dated 26.07.2024 (Annexures P/12) has been received from the petitioner, 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 copy of this order and in case, after going through the said legal notice as well as record, the petitioners are found entitled for any financial benefit, the same will be extended to them within a further period of 08 weeks otherwise, due reasons for not accepting the claim of the petitioners will be mentioned in the speaking order so passed, which will be conveyed to the petitioners for their information and necessary action.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement made by learned counsel for the respondents, present petition

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may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

Ordered accordingly.

August 13, 2024

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :

Whether reportable :

Yes/No

Yes/No