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

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CWP-26223-2022
Date of Decision: 22.08.2024

ISHWAR SINGH AND OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Akash Mehra, Advocate and
Mr. Rakesh Bakshi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Suneel Ranga, DAG, Haryana
for respondents No.1 and 3 to 5.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

72 farmers have approached this Court for seeking issuance of directions to the respondents to disburse the compensation admissible to the petitioners under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna on account of 100% damage to their crops due to hailstorms/heavy rains during the paddy season 2018 at village Tharwa, Tehsil Ambala Cantt., District Ambala.

A short reply by way of an affidavit on behalf of respondents No.1 and 3 has been filed through the Joint Director (Statistics) Office of the Director, Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare today in Court. Copy thereof has been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioners.

Learned State Counsel has made a reference to the status of cases of the farmers pertaining to release of financial benefits under the Pradhan



Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna from the Memo No.3632 dated 15.04.2024 sent by the respondent-Department of Agriculture in Farmers' welfare to the Chief Managing Director of the SBI General Insurance Company, Mumbai. The said data is extracted as under:

1.	Total number of farmers/Petitioners	72
2.	Claim paid by Insurance Company	17
3.	Claim pending due to incorrect Bank details of farmers	36
4.	No intimation claim cases	6
5.	Late intimation claim cases	4
6.	Crop village mismatch cases	5
7.	Not insured on Portal	4.

As per the aforesaid details, claims of 17 farmers have already been paid by the Insurance Company, while claims of 36 farmers are pending due to incorrect bank details furnished by them, while there is no intimation of any claim in 6 cases, while four cases were submitted late. In five cases, there is a crop/village mismatch, and four cases were not insured on the portal itself.

Considering the aforesaid factual assertion on an affidavit filed by the respondent, the present writ petition is disposed of at this stage with the following directions:

- (i)
- that the 36 farmers, whose claims have remained pending on account of incorrect bank details, shall furnish their correct bank details with the respondent-District Agriculture Officer, Ambala for onward transmission to the bank as well as to the insurance company, which is to remit the payments. In the event of the said



details being furnished by the farmers, the same shall be forwarded forthwith and not later than 15 days of the receipt of said information by the District Agriculture Officer, Ambala for releasing the payment with respect to the said farmers.

- (ii) That the six farmers, details whereof are available in Annexure R-7 and are stated to have not submitted any intimation with respect to their claims, may furnish their claims/loss intimation to the office of District Agriculture Officer, Ambala within a period of two weeks of the receipt of certified copy of this order, whereupon, the further necessary action shall be undertaken by the District Agriculture Officer, Ambala for consideration and processing of the claims raised by the said farmers.
- (iii) The late intimation claim cases detailed out in Annexure R-8, respondent-District Agriculture Officer, Ambala is directed to coordinate with respective bank as well as nodal insurance company to take a decision on the said cases within a period of two months of receipt of certified copy of this order.
- (iv) So far as the claim of four farmers, who are not insured on the portal are concerned, the petitioners are at liberty to take recourse to an appropriate remedy in accordance with law, if so available.
- (v) There are five cases relating the crop/village mismatch. The respondents-State has submitted that the list of those five cases have already been brought to the knowledge of the State Level

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Banking Committee. District Agriculture Officer, Ambala is directed to ensure that the admissible payment if any, is released in favour of the said farmers within a period of two months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

In view of the foregoing directions, the present writ petition is disposed of at this stage.

In the event of any grievance(s) still remains undressed, the petitioner(s) shall be at liberty to seek revival of the present petition after the expiry of aforesaid period.

AUGUST 22, 2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No