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

(271)

**CWP-30229-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision : March 11, 2025**

The Divisional Forest Officer, Panipat

.. Petitioner

Versus

Rohtas and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Naveen Singh Panwar, DAG, Haryana,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Dharamveet Phour, Advocate, for respondent No.1.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for the parties submits that the issue raised in the present writ petition was also raised in ***CWP No.14458 of 2013 titled as Divisional Forest Officer, Panipat vs. Sh. Shingara and another, decided on 10.07.2013*** by the Coordinate Bench of this Court and the claim of the petitioner raised was rejected.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that against the said decision, Letters Patent Appeal No.37 of 2014 was filed by the State which has been decided on 22.04.2014 and the benefit of Rs. 3 lakhs has been awarded to the workmen in LPA No.37 of 2014 instead of reinstatement and 50% back wages.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that in the present petition also, the compensation be allowed in favour of the respondent-workman instead of reinstatement and back wages.



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4. Keeping in view the fact that in the similarly situated cases, the compensation has been awarded, the same direction issued by the Coordinate Bench needs to be followed in the present case as well.

5. The respondents had worked for a period of five years and keeping in view the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in *Shingara's case (supra)*, the compensation is to be assessed @ Rs.50,000/- for each year hence, the respondents be granted the compensation of Rs.2.5 lakh.

6. Further, the said compensation be released within a period of three weeks failing which, the workman will also be entitled for interest @ 6% per annum from the date of passing of the Award till the actual payment of the same.

7. The present writ petition is disposed of and award is modified in above terms.

March 11, 2025
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No