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

CWP-12021-2022

Date of decision: 10.03.2026

Dr. Satwinder Singh and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Mohinder Singh Joshi, Advocate, for
Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

Mr. Satwant Singh, Legal Assistant, NHM, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the order dated 05.05.2022 (Annexure P-13), passed by the respondent No.2, vide which, the loyalty bonus already granted to the petitioners in 2018-19 has been ordered to be recovered from their salary. Further, the respondents be directed to pay arrears of one year salary from 22.09.2014 to 19.10.2015 along with one 6% yearly increment, and all other consequential benefits.

2. On the last date of hearing i.e. 05.03.2026, the following order was passed:-

“One of the grounds raised in the present petition(s) is that the recovery has been ordered against the petitioner(s) without following the principles of natural justice as neither any show cause notice was issued to the petitioner(s) nor any opportunity of personal hearing was granted.

Learned counsel for respondent No.2-NHMP in CWP-12021-2022 seeks a short adjournment to get instructions.

Adjourned to 10.03.2026.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.”

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2-NHM, Punjab, submits that in pursuance to the impugned order, no recovery has been effected from the petitioners, as recovery was stayed by this Court, vide order dated 30.05.2022. He further submits that the said order shall be treated as withdrawn. It is further submitted that since the recovery has been ordered against the petitioners is in violation of the principles of natural justice, therefore, before passing any further order of recovery, the petitioners shall be given an opportunity of hearing.

4. In view of the said statement, the instant petition has been rendered infructuous and disposed of as such.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

10.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No