



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

CWP-15637-2016

Date of decision: 13.08.2025

Sukhpal Singh and othersPetitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and othersRespondents

2)

CWP-23035-2021

Monika Rani and othersPetitioners

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State of Haryana and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Vivek Salathia, Advocate,
for the petitioners (in CWP-15637-2016).

Mr. S.S. Sahu, Advocate,
for the petitioners (in CWP-23035-2021).

Mr. Naveen Singh Panwar, DAG, Haryana.

Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate, and
Ms. Joy Preet Meelu, for
Mr. J.S. Maanipur, Advocate,
for respondents No. 5,6 and 12.

Mr. Sanjay Verma, Advocate,
for respondent No.7 (in CWP-15637-2016).

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Since a common issue is involved in these petitions, therefore, both, being amenable for common decision, are taken up together. However, for brevity, the facts are being derived from CWP-15637-2016.



2. A Mandamus is prayed for, commanding the District Food and Supplies Controller, Fatehabad-respondent No.3, to direct the service providers, as appointed under the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970, in District Fatehabad at different Centre(s), like Ratia, to maintain the record registers; issue Identity and EPF/ESI cards; issue account numbers, UAN Numbers, wages slip etc. to the petitioners regularly, and also to recover/refund EPF/ESI amount from the service providers, in terms of circular dated 12.01.2011 (Annexure P-2), and 23.08.2012 (Annexure P-3), for the period from 2008 to 2014.

3. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners confine their prayer to the extent that, at this stage, respondent No.3 be directed to supply the following requisite information:

- 1) **Complete details of the service providers, through whom the petitioners were employed since inception;**
- 2) **Complete details of EPF/ESI paid/deducted by respondent No.3 (Principal Employer)/service provider qua the petitioners since their initial joining; and**
- 3) **Complete details, as to whom the EPF/ESI was deposited in the account of the petitioners by respondent No.3/service provider.**

4. It is submitted that the abovesaid information is required by the petitioners since they are oblivious, as to whether, any amount on account of EPF/ESI was deducted by the Principal employer and the same was deposited by the contractor concerned in their accounts, prior to 2016 or not? However, it is informed that 2016 onwards, the requisite amount on account of EPF/ESI has been deducted and deposited in their accounts.



5. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, which seems to be *innocuous* and *bona fide*, and no objection has been raised thereto by the learned counsel for the respondents, this Court deems it apt, at this stage, to pass a Mandamus upon respondent No.3, to provide the information (supra) to the petitioners, at the earliest, but not later than two months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order.

6. With the abovesaid observations, the petitions stand disposed of.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

13.08.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No