

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

CWP No.12464 of 2015
Date of decision: 29.06.2015

Bakshish Kaur and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Ms. Dhriti J. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioners.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

ARUN PALLI J. (Oral)

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, so as to direct respondents No.1 & 2 to raise the salary of petitioner No.1 equivalent to Primary Teacher grade and likewise salary of petitioners No.2 & 3 be also raised equivalent to D.C. rates. Petitioner No.1 was appointed as Creche Teacher and petitioners No.2 & 3 were appointed as Caretakers on contract basis in the Prison Department pursuant to advertisement No.1 of 2009. Currently, petitioners are serving in the Central Jails, Ferozepur and Gurdaspur, respectively. At the time of joining service in the year 2009-10, the consolidated salary fixed for Creche Teacher was ₹ 5000/- and for the lady Caretaker ₹ 3000/-. It is maintained that although petitioners have served for almost five years but they continue to draw the consolidated salary without any

increment or revision in their pay. So much so, even the DC rate in the State of Punjab has been increased to ₹ 10,000/-. And at least petitioners deserve to be paid as per DC rates that are currently prevalent. Petitioners purport to have even served upon the respondents legal notices dated 22.01.2015 (Annexure P2) and dated 28.01.2015 (Annexure P3) in this regard. But that too has failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that let this petition, at this stage, be disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the notices served by the petitioners (Annexures P2 & P3), within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, as set out in their legal notices dated 22.01.2015 (Annexure P2) and dated 28.01.2015 (Annexure P3), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed, assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

June 29, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge