

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

CWP No.19698 of 2013
Date of decision: 17.03.2015

Gurnam Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. R.K. Chopra, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Shikha Jaidka, 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)

Writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, to direct the respondents to grant the petitioners a pay band of ₹ 10300-34800 + Grade Pay of ₹ 4200, as has been granted to the JBT Teachers w.e.f. 01.10.2011, since the post of Librarian has always been equated with that of JBT teachers right from its inception, in the Education department. It is maintained that the petitioners individually and even through their Association had represented to the respondents vide representation dated 22.05.2014 (Annexure P3), but the same has failed to evoke any response.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioners contends that let this petition, at this stage, be disposed of with a

direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners within a stipulated period of 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 the representation dated 22.05.2014 (Annexure P3), strictly in accordance with law, within 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.

March 17, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge