

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

CWP No.23344 of 2014
Date of decision: 25.03.2015

Karamjit Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, 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, directing the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioners for an antedated promotion from the date of occurrence of vacancies or when the petitioners became eligible for promotion to the post of Sub Divisional Engineer, reserved for the category of Sectional Officers/Junior Engineers, in terms of Punjab Service of Engineers Class II Rules, 1965 as well as Punjab Service of Engineers Class II Rules, 2005. It is averred that the persons from the other categories were promoted as and when they became eligible but petitioners and other similarly circumstanced persons in the category of Sectional Officers/Junior Engineers were ignored despite being eligible and suitable in all respects. It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition,

petitioners had served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 01.08.2014 (Annexure P5), but the same has not been heeded to.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the legal notice served by the petitioners 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 the legal notice dated 01.08.2014 (Annexure P5), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 3 months from the 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 25, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge