

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

**CWP No. 26173 of 2015**

Date of Decision: 15.12.2015

Karnail Kaur and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA**

Present: Ms. Amarinder Verma, Advocate for the petitioners

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

**RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)**

The petitioners are Cooks working under the Mid-day Meal Scheme in Government High School, Jeeda, District Bathinda. They work on monthly salary of Rs.1200/-. Their salaries have been stopped from 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 and they discharged their duties till 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2015. Their future prospect is left in the dark. They have served legal notice dated 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 (Annexure P-1) on respondents no.2 to 4. But no action has been taken on the legal notice so far. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners would be satisfied if this Court issues time bound directions to the decision maker amongst respondents no.2 to 4 to consider and decide the legal notice by passing a speaking order. The request is fair and reasonable and is accepted.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to the decision maker amongst respondents no.2 to 4 to take a decision on the legal notice (Annexure P-1) within one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case the petitioners are to be continued as Cooks under the Mid Day Meal Scheme, they will be given the formal go ahead and they be paid

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accordingly, as per rates already fixed. In case an adverse order is contemplated against the petitioners, then they would have right to be heard and a speaking order would be passed containing reasons for denying further employment to the petitioners under the Mid Day Meal Scheme.

**15.12.2015**

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**(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)**  
**JUDGE**