

CWP-27035-2015

DATE OF DECISION: 23.12.2015.

NEELAM SONI & ANR

....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Aman Chaudhary, Advocate
for the petitioners.LISA GILL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners claim that service rendered by them in Shivalik College, Naya Nangal prior to its being taken over by the State on 12.05.1997 be treated as qualifying service for the purpose of pension and retiral benefits. Reliance is placed on decision dated 23.08.2011 in *CWP No.9214 of 2009* upheld by a Division Bench on 06.11.2012 in *LPA No.637 of 2012* as well as other cases.

It is submitted that despite submission of representation dated 22.04.2013 by the petitioners along with other similarly situated persons, no action has been taken by the authorities.

It is further submitted that some of the applicants who submitted a representation dated 22.04.2013 (Annexure P-10) along with the petitioners approached this Court vide *CWP No.16590 of 2013* which was decided on 01.08.2013 (Annexure P-11) wherein the authorities were directed to consider their claim and take a final decision thereon. At this stage, learned counsel submits that respondents be directed to decide the petitioners claim in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the limited prayer addressed at the time of arguments, facts and circumstances of the case but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the controversy, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to expeditiously decide representation dated 22.04.2013 (Annexure P-10) submitted by the petitioners by passing a speaking order, preferably within a period of four months from receipt of certified copy of this order. Benefits, if any, found due to the petitioners be released expeditiously preferably within a period of six weeks thereafter.

December 23, 2015

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**(LISA GILL)
JUDGE**