

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CWP No. 4903 of 2015

Date of Decision: March 19, 2015

Sunita Sharma and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI

Present: Mr. Kapil Kakkar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASI, J. (ORAL)

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioners that initially the petitioners were appointed on contract basis in the year 1999 for the Kandi project and thereafter, w.e.f. 2005-2008 in the Forest Department. Counsel further contends that the petitioners are continuing on contract basis in the Department of Forest and Wildlife Conservation, Forest Division. Their cases for regularization, as per the policy of the Government of Punjab dated 18.03.2011, were considered and on recommendation made by the competent authority, the same were approved by the Forest and Wildlife Conservator Minister, Punjab on 07.11.2012 (Annexure P-10). The said decision has not been given effect to till date. Petitioners, therefore, served a notice through counsel dated 18.12.2014 (Annexure P-11) upon the respondents but till date, no response

thereon has been received.

Counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-respondent No. 2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 18.12.2014 (Annexure P-11) served by the petitioners within some specified time.

Without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with directions to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests-respondent No. 2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 18.12.2014 (Annexure P-11) served by the petitioners within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. The decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioners forthwith. In case the claim of the petitioners is not to be accepted, a well-reasoned and speaking order be passed and conveyed to them forthwith.

March 19, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE