

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.5585 of 2015
Date of Decision:26.03.2015**

Hardeep Singh and otherspetitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and othersrespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr.Vikas Chatrath, Advocate
for the petitioners

ARUN PALLI, J.(ORAL):-

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, directing the respondents to extend the benefits for having discharged duties on a higher post to the petitioners. Particularly, when a similar benefit was afforded to identically situated and circumstanced persons, who filed a writ petition i.e.*CWP No.5913 of 2012*, titled as *“Shiv Kumar (Retd.) Lecturer and others vs. State of Punjab and another”*, decided on 29.03.2012 (Annexure P12), which was disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide their claim, and, eventually, vide order dated 19.01.2014 (Annexure P13) they were granted the benefit.

It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, petitioners had even served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 22.11.2014(Annexure P9), but to no avail.

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 notice served by the petitioners, within a stipulated period of time.

That being so, and, without expressing any opinion on merits, the instant 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 22.11.2014(Annexure P9), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of three months, from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed assigning reasons, in support of the decision arrived at.

The petition stands disposed of.

26.03.2015

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JUDGE