

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

CWP No.6361 of 2015
Date of decision: 06.04.2015

Avtar Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Manjit Singh Uppal, 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 reckon the period of provisional promotions i.e. ad hoc promotions for the purpose of extending the benefits of seniority/selection grade/proficiency set up etc. in terms of the Punjab Government circular dated 11.05.1990 (Annexure P1). It is maintained that the petitioners were granted ad hoc promotions against 25% quota in their category i.e. J.E. Diploma holder and had represented vide representation dated 14.08.2014 (Annexure P8) in this regard. The said representation was even forwarded by the concerned Superintendent of Public Works Department (B&R) Branch 1, vide letter dated 11.09.2014, to the Chief Engineer (HQ), Punjab, who in turn forwarded the same to the Secretary,

PWD B&R, Punjab, for consideration of the claim of the petitioners. But with no tangible result. It is also maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, respondents were even served upon a legal notice dated 04.02.2015 (Annexure P9), but that too has failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4, to consider and decide the legal notice served by the petitioners within a specified time. And by passing a speaking order.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, as set out in the legal notice dated 04.02.2015 (Annexure P9), 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.

April 6, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge