

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

CWP No.6614 of 2015
Date of decision: 08.04.2015

Jatinder Pal Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar Goklaney, 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 afford revised pay scales to the petitioners, pursuant to the recommendations made by various Pay Commissions qua skilled and semi-skilled staff in the service of the Punjab Government. It is averred that the skilled and semi-skilled employees were to be categorized in Categories I to VI, in terms of their qualifications. And since the said recommendations have been accepted by the State Government and even implemented in number of other departments, there could be hardly any justification not to implement the same qua the petitioners. It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, petitioners had even served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 05.01.2015

(Annexure P11). But the same has failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of only with a direction to respondent No.2, to consider and decide the 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.2, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, as set out in their legal notice 05.01.2015 (Annexure P11), 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 8, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge