

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

CWP No.6896 of 2015
Date of decision: 10.04.2015

Sukhdev Singh Gill and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, 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 grant an additional increment to the petitioners in terms of the provisions of Rule 4.4(c)(i) of the Punjab Civil Services Rules Vol. I, Part I, as they have been performing duties on a higher post i.e. Superintendent, for years, either on a current duty charge or on an officiating basis. It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, petitioners had served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 27.07.2014 (Annexure P10). But the same has failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that let this petition, at this stage, be disposed of only with a direction to respondents No.2 to 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 respondents No.2 to 4, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, as set out in their legal notice dated 27.07.2014 (Annexure P10), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of three 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 10, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge