

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CWP No.7068 of 2015

Date of Decision:20.04.2015

Jatinder Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI.

- 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?**

**Present: Mr.J.K.Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioners.**

ARUN PALLI, J.(oral)

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, to direct the respondents to grant the petitioners the benefit of pay and their seniority as Constables be fixed from the date they completed six months' service as SPOs. And all other consequential benefits.

It is averred that the petitioners were engaged as Special Police Officers in the year 1992-1993 and 1995-1996. Under the standing order No.1 dated 26.07.1990 issued by the DGP, Punjab, the Special Police Officers were known as Auxiliary Constables and to recruit/confer certain benefits, respondent No.2 had issued the said standing order, which were subsequently supplemented by instructions issued by respondent No.2, vide memo dated 19.11.1991. It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, the respondents

were even served upon a legal notice dated 07.11.2014(Annexure P-6), but the same has failed to evoke any response. So much so, petitioners even provided to the respondents particulars of those SPOs, who happened to be junior to the petitioners and were afforded Constabulary numbers with other benefits from an earlier date.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3, to consider and decide the legal notice(Annexure P-6) of the petitioners, within a specified time. And, by passing a speaking order.

That being so, and, without expressing any opinion on merits, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, as set out in their legal notice dated 07.11.2014(Annexure P-6), 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.

April 20, 2015
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(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE