

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.7618 of 2015
Date of Decision: April 24, 2015

Sunil Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. G.P. Vashisht, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Counsel for the petitioners submits that the claim of the petitioners, as has been made in the present writ petition for the grant of step-up of an additional increment/financial benefit on account of the fact that they discharged duties of higher responsibilities and higher post such as Principles, have not been released to them for the period they have discharged such responsibilities/duties. Putting forth their claim, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 25.02.2015 (Annexure P-4) upon the respondents, but till date, no decision thereon has been taken or conveyed to the petitioners.

Counsel submits that the petitioners, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.2-The Director Public Instructions (S.E.), Punjab, to consider and decide the legal notice dated 25.02.2015 (Annexure P-4), within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioners, without going into the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present

writ petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2-The Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education), Punjab (Complex, Punjab School Education Board Phase-8, SAS Nagar, Mohali, to consider and decide the legal notice dated 25.02.2015 (Annexure P-4), within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case the claim of the petitioners is accepted, the consequential benefits, if any, be released to them, in accordance with law, within a further period of two months. In case the claim of the petitioners is not to be accepted, a well reasoned and speaking order be passed and conveyed to the them forthwith.

April 24, 2015
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE