

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.23932 of 2014
Date of Decision:-7.4.2016.

Suresh Kumar and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

.....Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.B. BAJANTHRI**

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. Puneet Bali, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Ranjit Saini, Advocate for for the petitioners.

Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate for the respondent.

SURYA KANT, J. (ORAL)

The short question raised in the instant petition is whether the petitioners who are working as Drivers on the Establishment of the High Court are entitled to higher pay-scale as claimed by them? The plea taken by the High Court in its written statement as well as by its learned counsel is that the matter has been examined on administrative side by a Committee comprising four Hon'ble Judges and finding no merit in their claim, the Committee turned down the same. We however, find from item No.9 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24.7.2014 that the Hon'ble

Committee considered the matter regarding providing “promotional avenues to the Drivers” and after taking notice of the increase in workload of the Drivers and the stagnation in their career, it recommended creation of two more posts of Supervisors of Drivers. The creation of additional promotional posts, in our considered view, does not amount to rejection of the claim for higher pay scale put-forth by the Drivers. We, thus, dispose of this writ petition with a direction to the Registrar General to obtain necessary orders from Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice and put up the matter before the appropriate Committee for consideration of the claim re : higher pay scale raised by the petitioners. It shall be appreciated if the decision is taken as early as possible and preferably within four months.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

(P.B. BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

April 7, 2016.

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