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

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Date of Decision: November 28, 2016

Lachhman Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA**

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| 1. | To be referred to the Reporters or not? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest? | Yes/No. |
| 3. | Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment? | Yes/No |

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Present: Mr.A.S.Salar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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SURYA KANT, J.

Notice of motion.

On our asking, Mr.P.S.Bajwa, Addl.A.G.Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents. Let three sets of paper-book be handed over to him during the course of the day.

In view of the nature of the order which we propose to pass, no written statement is required at this stage.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Petitioners are working as Laboratory Assistants in the Department of Agriculture. They claim that vide order dated 23.12.2011, they have been granted lower 'Revised Pay Scale' as compared to other similarly placed employees including Gram Sewaks, Constables, Clerks, Patwaris and Laboratory Attendants of Education Department etc.

The question whether petitioners are entitled to claim pay parity with the above categories of employees, has to be essentially examined by the authorities as it involves a policy decision. As the petitioners have raised such a claim vide representations dated 06.08.2016 (Annexure P4), we dispose of this writ petition, without expressing any views on merits, with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to look into the petitioners' claim and decide the same by way of a reasoned order preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(SURYA KANT)
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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |