

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

**C.O.C.P. No.2157 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.02.2017**

Jagdish Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Ashok Kumar Gupta, Secretary,
Department of Local Government, Punjab

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Ms. Jigyasa Tanwar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Four petitioners, namely, Jagdish Singh, Hakam Singh, Romesh Garg and Inder Mohan Singh along with one Depinder Singh Sandhu, while working as Assistant Corporation Engineers, had filed CWP No.25739 of 2014 praying for grant of benefit of the proficiency step up under the Assured Career Progression Scheme on completion of 4, 9 and 14 years of service. The said writ petition was disposed of vide order dated 16.12.2014 (**Annexure P-6**), directing the authorities to pass a speaking order within a period of two months.

During the course of hearing, learned Counsel for the respondent submits that an order dated 24.01.2017, in compliance of the aforesaid directions, has since been passed. Copy of the same has been furnished to learned Counsel for the petitioners.

The reason for the delay is that the Department was under the impression that a Committee constituted specifically for such cases was to look into the case(s) of the petitioners as well, however, realizing the mistake, the aforesaid order has now been passed.

Learned Counsel for the petitioners submits that no doubt, an order dated 24.01.2017 has now been passed, however, it has not taken into account the correct facts. She, however, concedes that the proper remedy would now be to challenge the order dated 24.01.2017.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of as infructuous. The liberty is granted to the petitioners to challenge the order dated 24.01.2017 in accordance with law.

February 03, 2017

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>