

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

**CWP No. 10333 of 2017
Date of Decision: 15.05.2017**

Karnail Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Sangita Dhanda, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The petitioner herein is working in the Department of Excise and Taxation, Punjab since 2002 and seeks the benefit of 'equal pay for equal work by relying upon a judgment rendered by this Court in ***CWP No. 25798 of 2014*** titled as ***Rajinder Parshad & others vs. State of Punjab & others***, decided on 18.03.2017.

Since the petitioner has not approached the Department concerned before filing of the instant writ petition, this Court is not inclined to interfere at the very first instance.

Faced with this, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, at this stage, she would be satisfied if present writ petition is ordered to be treated as a representation to the Department to decide the claim of the petitioner raised.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. R. S. Sidhu, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. Let three copies of the writ petition be supplied to him during the course of the

day.

Learned counsel for the respondents-State submits that the matter will be looked at and disposed of by passing a speaking order as expeditiously as possible.

In view of the limited prayer made, without going into the merits of the case, the respondents herein are directed to decide the claim of the petitioner raised in the writ petition by treating it as a representation and to pass a speaking order within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of.

May 15, 2017
Ansari

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No