

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH
Sr. No.: 119

Civil Writ Petition No.14325 of 2017
Date of Decision: July 06, 2017

Jagdish Bhatia and others

..... PETITIONERS

VERSUS

State of Punjab & others

..... RESPONDENTS

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CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH**

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PRESENT: - Mr. Arun Abrol, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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JASPAL SINGH, J

1. By virtue of instant writ petition preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to extend the benefit to the petitioners to re-exercise/change their option within some reasonable period for the grant of revised pay scales w.e.f. 01.01.1986 in view of the changed circumstances created by the change in Masters scale vide notification dated 24.12.1992 (Annexure P-1) of the Finance Department as was done in the cases of the employees working in the Government Schools, in view of the judgment recently passed by this Court in the case of similarly situated persons vide Annexure P-7 with further direction to respondents to pay consequential benefits alongwith interest @18% per annum.

2. At the very outset of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioners have submitted that petitioners would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondents No.2 and 3 to deal with and dispose of the legal notice dated May 09, 2017 (Annexure P-8) within a stipulated time.

3. The instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 & 3, to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in the legal notice dated May 09, 2017 (Annexure P-8) and to decide the same, in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this judgment, that too in view of the judgment passed in CWP No. 6678 of 2014 titled **Amar Singh & others v. The State of Punjab & others** decided on July 08, 2016 (Annexure P-7), which is stated to have attained finality

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/ Reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/ No
Yes/ No