

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

CWP No.25758 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: May 04, 2017

Varun Chaudhary and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Manish Dadwal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Lavanya Paul, AAG Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant writ petition has been filed seeking removal of the pay anomaly that has occurred.

It is contended that the petitioners, who are Assistant Agricultural Engineers Grade-II, would be entitled to the same pay scale that has been given to Agricultural Development Officers. Learned counsel for the petitioners draws attention of this court to Annexure P-4, to show that anomaly in the pay scale of Agricultural Development Officers as well as Assistant Agricultural Engineers Grade-II was effected since 1993. In fact, Assistant Agricultural Engineers Grade-II were in higher pay scale as far back as 1978. Seeking removal of this anomaly, which has arisen, the

petitioners had made a representation to the Department and the same was not considered and they were constrained to file the instant writ petition.

By way of reply to the instant writ petition, it is submitted that all these matters will be considered by the 6th Punjab Pay Commission, which has been constituted on 24.02.2016, to decide the demands of persons like the petitioners, who are agitating for removal of the pay anomaly.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and I am of the opinion that the matter regarding removal of pay anomaly should be left to the expert bodies, since one has been set up by the notification dated 24.02.2016. Let this matter be also placed before the committee, so constituted.

Let this writ petition be treated as a representation for an early disposal by the Committee, preferably within a period of six months, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

May 04, 2017

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No