

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.22540 of 2017
Decided on : 03.10.2017**

Manoj Kumar and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : Mr. Ravinder Malik (Ravi), Advocate
for the petitioners.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioners seek a writ in the nature of mandamus under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for paying the minimum pay scale of the posts being held by them on the principle of equal pay equal work. Reliance is placed upon the judgment of the Apex court passed in **State of Punjab Vs. Jagjit Singh and others, 2016 (4) SCT 641**.

It is the case of the petitioners that they are working as Leader Bhajan Parties, Member Bhajan Parties and are being paid fixed amount. Reference is made to the appointment letter dated 21.12.2002 (Annexure P-3) pertaining to petitioner No.1-Manoj Kumar, wherein he was offered the post of Member Bhajan Party, Dholak Wala at a fixed monthly wage of ₹1,300/-.

It is submitted the amount had been enhanced by various orders and the last one is dated 25.05.2012 (Annexure P-6), wherein the Leader Bhajan Parties is to be paid ₹10,000/- per month and the Member Bhajan Parties @ ₹8,500/- per month, as per the letter issued by respondent No.1.

Counsel submits that a representation dated 01.03.2017 (Annexure P-7) has already been made to respondent No.2 for the redressal of their grievances and submits that he would be satisfied if the same is decided within a time bound frame.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Shruti Jain Goyal, AAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Copies of the paper-book have been supplied.

No useful purpose will be served by calling upon the respondents and to file reply, since the decision making process is not complete.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case or the entitlement of the petitioners, the present writ petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.1 to take into consideration the representation dated 01.03.2017 (Annexure P-7), keeping in view the judgment of the Apex Court passed in **Jagjit Singh's case (supra)**. The needful be done within a period of 4 months from the receipt of the certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that, in case, any adverse order is to be passed, the same be conveyed to the petitioners by passing a speaking order.

OCTOBER 03, 2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Whether Reportable:

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No