

IN THE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT AT CHANDIGARH

Date of decision : 21.09.2017

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CWP-403-2017

Shamsher Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

2.

CWP-404-2017

Major Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

3.

CWP-18315-2017

Parveen Kumar and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

4.

CWP-18790-2017

Nishant and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Vikas Kuthiala, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.D.S.Nalwa, Addl.A.G. Haryana.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J.(ORAL)

By these petitions, the petitioners seek that they be paid the arrears of the difference of wages that were reduced arbitrarily (as contended), from wages paid at D.C. rates to the wages as fixed vide the letter dated 03.06.2014 (a copy of which is annexed with the petition as Annexure P-7).

Learned counsel for the petitioners has produced in Court today a judgment of a co-ordinate Bench of this Court dated 10.08.2017, passed in CWP no.25997 of 2016 "***Mahavir Singh vs. State of Haryana and others***", along with 25 other connected petitions, allowing what is stated to be a similar claim made by the petitioners therein.

It is seen that the aforesaid 26 writ petitions were disposed of in terms of earlier judgments of this Court dated 13.05.2016 and 13.01.2017, passed in ***Rajesh Kumar and others vs. State of Haryana and others*** and ***Kuldeep Singh and others vs. Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and others***, respectively, i.e. CWPs no.22428 of 2014 and 7086 of 2015.

Consequently, without going into merits of these petitions, these are disposed of with a direction to the competent authority amongst the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioners within a period of 2 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, in terms of the aforesaid judgment of this Court in ***Mahavir Singhs' case (supra)*** read with the judgments in ***Rajesh Kumars'*** and ***Kuldeep Singhs' cases (supra)***.

Arrears to be paid to the petitioners, if they are found to be so due in terms

of the aforesaid judgments, shall be paid within a period of 3 months thereafter.

The issue of granting equal pay for equal work would also be decided in the speaking order to be passed by the respondents, in terms of the law settled on the subject, learned counsel for the petitioners citing the judgment of the Supreme Court in *State of Punjab and others Vs Jagjit Singh and others, 2016(4) SCT 641*.

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

September 21, 2017.
Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No