

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

CWP No.8866 of 2018
Date of decision: 16.04.2018

Dilbag and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Vikram Bali, Advocate for the petitioners.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are employed as Safai Karamchari with the Municipal Corporation, Karnal. Initially, they were employed through a contractor in December 2013, and even though the contract with the service provider ended in July 2014, but as the work continued to exist, the petitioners too were permitted to continue, @ Rs.8100/- pm, and are thus working to date. Certain other Safai Karamchari (approx. 171), who were also engaged for the same work in the year 2010, were paid wages @ Rs.12100/- per month w.e.f. January 2017. Whereas, those who were engaged in July 2014, including the petitioners, though paid wages @ Rs.12100/- per month, but w.e.f. November 2017. Even though, they were discharging similar duties. But, yet for no tangible reason the petitioners have not been extended the said benefit from January 2017. Even, the legal notice dated 22.03.2018 (Annexure P2), the respondents have been served with, has failed to evoke any response.

That being so, the petition is disposed of, at this stage, only with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim/grievance of the petitioners, as also the legal notice dated 22.03.2018 (Annexure P2), within a period of 3 months from the receipt of certified copy of this order. And pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. Needless to assert, in the event the claim of the petitioners is declined, the respondent-authorities shall pass a comprehensive order assigning reasons in support thereof.

(Arun Palli)
Judge

16.04.2018
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Whether speaking / reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES
NO