

CWP No. 473 of 2019 and other connected cases

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

(1)

CWP No. 473 of 2019

Date of Decision : 02.04.2019

Ved Parkash Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

(2)

CWP No. 1392 of 2019

Gurbax Rai Dewan

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

(3)

CWP No. 8437 of 2019

Ram Bhagat Aggarwal and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

(4)

CWP No. 8617 of 2019

Vijander Nath Goel

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sandeep Panwar, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Mr. C.S. Bakhshi, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) states that a bunch writ petition bearing CWP No. 403 of 2016 and other connected cases involving the same question of law has been disposed of by this Court vide order dated 27.03.2019. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) states that the present writ petitions i.e. CWP No. 473 of 2019, CWP No. 1392 of 2019, CWP No. 8437 of 2019 and CWP No. 8617 of 2019, which also involve the same question of law and the petitioners are also similarly situated as the petitioners therein, therefore these petitions be also disposed of in terms of the order passed in CWP No. 403 of 2016 and other connected cases.

Vide order dated 27.03.2019, following order was passed in CWP No. 403 of 2016 and other connected cases:-

“By this order of mine, six writ petitions, which involve the same question of law and similar facts, are being decided. For the sake of convenience, the facts are being extracted from CWP No.403 of 2016.

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioner is that the petitioner was entitled for the pay scale of Rs.13500-17250 with effect from 01.01.1996, which was granted by the respondents-State to 20% of the cadre stand i.e. to the cadre in which the petitioner was discharging the duties.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the claim of the petitioner is squarely covered by the decision rendered

by this Court in LPA No.930 of 2010 titled as State of Haryana and another Vs. Dr. K.L. Kumar and others, decided on 10.08.2010 wherein, learned Single Judge vide judgment dated 06.10.2009 has been upheld to the effect that 20% of the cadre employees are entitled for the higher pay scale of Rs.13500-17250 w.e.f. 01.01.996. The Special Leave Petition against the said judgment already stand dismissed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 12.10.2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) states that another bunch of writ petitions involving the same question of law on the similar facts came up for hearing before the Coordinate Bench of this Court being CWP No.15887 of 2011 titled as Jagdish Chander Narang and others Vs. State of Haryana and others, decided on 11.03.2019 and other connected cases and the same were disposed of by the following order:-

“1. This order will dispose of the above mentioned writ petition as well as the connected writ petitions tabulated at the foot of the order (numbering 25 cases) as they are on common ground.*

2. Heard.

3. These petitions have to succeed with the dismissal of the Special Leave Petition in State of Haryana and others v. K.L. Kumar and others (SLP No.39474-39475 of 2013) on October 12, 2018 attaching finality to the Division Bench judgment and order of this Court in LPA No.930 of 2010, State of Haryana and another v. K.L. Kumar and others decided on August 10, 2010 and the dismissal of the review application therein on August 07, 2013.

4. The front runner or lead petition settling the dispute according to learned counsel for the petitioners was the Division Bench ruling in LPA No.1008 of 2010 in State of Haryana and others v. S.P. Sood decided on October

12, 2010. The SLP in connected matters dismissed in 2018 to which detailed reference is not necessary since the State of Haryana is in the process of implementing the judgment of the Supreme Court and its Finance Department has already issued instructions to the various departments where the judgment has to be implemented to send cases along with data for decision making.

5. In view of this, the grievances of the petitioners are on the way to being redressed in due course of time which is around the corner.

6. The aftermath of the litigation is that the petitioners and other similarly situated employees who fall within top 20% of the respective cadres become entitled to the running pay scale of `13500-17250 w.e.f. January 01, 1996. The rate of interest on arrears due will be applicable as directed in State of Haryana and others v. S.P. Sood i.e. at the rate of 8% per annum till payment. The monetary entitlements shall be computed and paid to the petitioners within five months from today and a status report on actual disbursements be submitted before the Registrar General of this Court for perusal. The petitioners are also held entitled to all other consequential benefits as may arise out of the judgment covering the case.

7. With the above observations and directions, the petitions stand disposed of.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) states that the present writ petitions be also disposed of in the same terms.

Learned counsel for the respondents, on the other hand, states that there is no data provided in the present writ petitions to ascertain as to whether, the petitioner(s) were within 20% of the cadre stand as on 01.01.996 so as to be

eligible for the grant of benefit as granted by the Division Bench in LPA No.930 of 2010.

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) has no objection in case an appropriate direction is issued to the department to consider the case of the petitioner for the grant of the said relief of pay scale of 13500-17250 and also grant them in case they are found entitled for, if their case is covered by the abovesaid judgment. Counsel for the petitioner prays that in case, it is found that the petitioner(s) were within first 20% of the cadre post on 01.01.1996 so as to be entitled for the pay scale of Rs.13500-17250, same be released to them as well.

Keeping in view the above, the present writ petitions are disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner(s) for the grant of benefit of pay scale of Rs.13500-17250 w.e.f. 01.01.1996, in case, it is found that the petitioner(s) were working against the 20% of the cadre post on the relevant date i.e. 01.01.1996. Let the consideration be carried out within a period of three months from the receipt of copy of this order and appropriate speaking order be passed in this regard.

In case, after the decision, it is found that the petitioner (s) were entitled for the said benefit, the appropriate relief will be granted to the petitioner(s) within a period of next one month.

At this stage, this Court is not expressing any opinion on merits of the case as the same are to be decided by the respondents while considering the case of the respondents in pursuance to this order.

Learned counsel for the respondents after going through the order dated 27.03.2019 passed in CWP No. 403 of 2016 and other connected case, states that the State has no objection in case the present writ petitions are disposed of in terms of the order dated 27.03.2019 passed in

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CWP No. 403 of 2016 and other connected cases as requested by learned counsel for the petitioner(s).

In view of the above, the present writ petitions are also disposed of in the same terms as in CWP No. 403 of 2016 and other connected case, decided on 27.03.2019 as requested by learned counsel for the petitioner(s).

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*