

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

CWP-7799 of 2019

Date of decision:-20.03.2019

Gurcharan Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

Punjabi University Patiala and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Jagtar Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioners who are 5 in number belong to the General Category and are stated to have joined the respondent-Panjabi University, Patiala on the post of Clerks on different dates. Details in such regard have been furnished in paragraphs 2 and 3 of the writ petition.

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of a writ of mandamus for directing the respondent-University to step up the pay of the petitioners i.e.Senior General Category Employees at par with their junior (Scheduled Caste Category Employee) Smt. Sarabjit Kaur.

It is the contention raised by the counsel that the claim set up in the instant petition would be covered in terms of judgment dated 18.11.2008 in CWP No.5956 of 2008 **tilted as Charan Dass Vs. State of Haryana (Annexure P-7)**. Counsel further contends that the claim would find support even as per instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-3) which have been issued by the Department of Personnel, State of Punjab and duly adopted by the respondent-University vide letter dated 24.01.2018 (Annexure P-4).

Counsel raises a submission that the representations at Annexure P-12 (colly) have already been filed and he would be satisfied if the writ petition was to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the claim of the petitioners within a stipulated time frame.

Prayer made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to Registrar, Panjabi University, Patiala, to examine the claim of the petitioners in the light of the representations dated 17.12.2018 and 24.12.2018 (Annexure P-12 Colly) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order

Final decision be communicated to the petitioners.

It is clarified that this Court has not examined the claim of the petitioners on merits.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

20.03.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No