

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 9478 of 2019

Date of Decision : 08.04.2019

Shankar Lal (Retd.) and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Raje Ram Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners were entitled for promotional increment as per Rule 4.4(a)(i) of the Punjab Civil Services Rules, which benefits were declined to them without any valid justification.

Learned counsel for the petitioners relies upon the order passed by this Court in CWP No. 3922 of 2011 and other connected cases, decided on 03.10.2016, wherein, a co-ordinate Bench had granted the relief to the similarly situated personnel. Learned counsel further states that even the Letters Patent Appeal filed against the said judgment has already been dismissed by the LPA Bench on 31.07.2018.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have served the respondents with a legal notice dated 02.01.2019 (Annexure P-7)

and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice by passing a speaking order.

Without going into the merits of the case or expressing any opinion to the entitlement of the petitioners in respect of the relief claimed in the present writ petition or in the legal notice, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pass an appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioners in the legal notice dated 02.01.2019 (Annexure P-7) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

April 08, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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