

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 13555 of 2019
Date of Decision : 21.05.2019

Rajinder Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the claim which is being made by the petitioners is that similarly situated personnel as the petitioners, have been granted the benefit of three additional increments on account of possessing higher qualification in terms of a Circular dated 23.07.1957 and also for the grant of proficiency step up, which benefit was allowed by this Court while deciding CWP No. 16095 of 2012 and other connected cases, decided on 16.05.2016 (Annexure P-8).

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that the benefit of the said judgment was not being extended to the petitioners and they were forced to file the present writ petition claiming the same relief as already extended to the similarly situated employees.

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 14.02.2019 (Annexure P-9) 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 14.02.2019 (Annexure P-9) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioners are found entitled for any benefit, the arrears will be restricted from the date of filing of the present writ petition. No arrears will be paid till the filing of the present writ petition.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

May 21, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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