

Civil Writ Petition No. 18679 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of decision : 12.07.2019

Avtar Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.Ms. Anu Chatrath, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG PunjabARUN MONGA, J(ORAL)

Grievance of the petitioners is that no decision has been taken on their representation dated 17.12.2018(Annexure P-5) seeking to step up their pay at par with their juniors.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are entitled to the benefit of instructions dated 14.03.2017(Annexure P-4) which envisages that in the event a junior employee belonging to reserved category is being given higher pay, the senior employee is entitled for stepping up of his pay at par with his junior belonging to reserved category.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioners followed up their pending representation dated 17.12.2018(Annexure P-5) by causing a legal notice dated 08.05.2019(Annexure P-6) through their counsel, but even the same has not been adverted to. Hence this writ petition.

On advance service of copy of petition, learned Senior counsel has put in appearance to assist the Court.

Given the nature of order being passed, no further proceedings or pleadings are required.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to pass a speaking order by objectively considering the contentions as raised in the legal notice dated 08.05.2019(Annexure P-6) along with the contents of the instant writ petition by treating the same as supplementary representation as also keeping in view the contentions of learned counsel for the petitioners, as noted above, in accordance with law.

Let the needful be done within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case the petitioners are found entitled to the benefit of stepping up of their pay, the same be granted to them within two months of the passing of the appropriate orders.

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JUDGE**

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| 1. | Whether speaking/ reasoned: | Yes/ No |
| 2. | Whether reportable: | Yes/ No |