

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-24804-2019

Date of decision: - 09.09.2019

Ram Pal Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: - Mr. N.K. Malhotra, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim which is being raised by the petitioners is that they are entitled for the selection grade of ₹2000-3200 w.e.f. 01.01.1986 keeping in view the judgment rendered by this Court in **LPA No.1150 of 2012** titled as **State of Haryana and another Vs. Suresh Chander and others**, decided on 15.01.2013.

Counsel for the petitioners has not been able to explain as to why, the petitioners never raised their grievance when they were in service or immediately on their retirement. It is only in the year 2019, the present writ petition is being filed i.e. much after their retirement. No justifiable explanation has been tendered by the counsel for the petitioners explaining the said delay.

As the present writ petition is in respect to the claim of the higher pay scale and the request of the petitioners is that the respondents

be directed to decide the legal notice dated 15.11.2018 (Annexure P-9) in a time bound manner and arrears be restricted, in case it is found that the petitioners are entitled for the grant of selection grade of ₹2000-3200 w.e.f. 01.01.1986.

The present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioners as raised in the legal notice dated 15.11.2018 (Annexure P-9) by passing an appropriate speaking order within a period of three months from the receipt of copy of this order.

In case, after the decision rendered by the respondents on the legal notice, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for the relief, as claimed by them in the legal notice, the same be released in further three months from the date of passing of speaking order. It is made clear that arrears, if any, shall be restricted only to three years two months from the date of filing of the present writ petition

It is made clear that this Court expresses no opinion on merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief as being claimed by them in the legal notice dated 15.11.2018 (Annexure P-9) at this stage.

September 09, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes
Whether reportable?	No