

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

CWP No.14922 of 2018
Date of decision : 06.05.2019

Bijender and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Harish Nain, AAG, Haryana.

Ritu Bahri, J. (oral)

Petitioners are seeking quashing of the order dated 08.01.2018 (Annexure P-6) passed by respondent No.3-Director, Elementary Education, Haryana, whereby their claim for grant of minimum wages for the post of Edusat Chowkidar has been rejected.

On 07.02.2019, learned State counsel had informed that LPA No.1273 of 2018 against the judgment passed by this Court in CWP No.23769 of 2014, titled as **State of Haryana and others vs. Suresh Kumar and others**, was pending for 18.02.2019.

The Division Bench of this Court has disposed of the said LPA vide order dated 20.02.2019. A perusal of this order shows that the Advocate General had made a request to grant time to enable the State Government to examine the matter with regard to payment of honorarium to village Chowkidars to ensure safety of Edusat equipments. Thereafter, Director, Elementary Education, Haryana filed an affidavit on 20.02.2019,

stating therein that the State Government took a decision that all 4288 Chowkidars will be given honorarium at par with Revenue Chowkidars.

Relevant part of the order is reproduced as under:-

“Therefore, the State Government has finally decided that 4288 chowkidars will be given honorarium at par with Revenue Chowkidars since their engagements was on the basis of the honorarium, not appointed to any civil post but only to meet out the local needs for specific purposes and accordingly, the arrears amount was calculated which came around Rs.105,58,89,984/- from June 2011 till 18.02.2019. Thus, the EDUSAT Chowkidars can be paid on the pattern of Revenue Department.”

Keeping in view the affidavit filed by the State Government, the respondents were duly satisfied by the decision taken by the State Government and the aforesaid LPA was disposed of accordingly. The matter has attained finality.

Resultantly, the present petition is disposed of keeping in view the decision dated 20.02.2019 given in LPA No.1273-2018.

06.05.2019
ajp

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No