

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.21276 of 2019

DATE OF DECISION:16.10.2019

Nachhattar Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. C.L. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

Counsel for the petitioners states that the benefit of revised pay scale w.e.f. 01.01.1996 by classifying the employees working in the PWD (Building and Roads), Punjab as skilled and semi skilled has been granted to the similarly situated employees, keeping in view the notification dated 19.05.1998.

Counsel argues that the said benefit which has been extended to the similarly situated employees vide order dated 14.12.2017, has not been extended to the petitioners, who are also entitled for the same benefit have been ignored by the respondents on the ground that there is no order by the competent Court of law for consideration of their cases for the grant of the said benefit.

Counsel further argues that keeping in view the settled principles of law settled by a Division Bench of this Court in **Satbir Singh Vs. State of Haryana**, 2002(2) S.C.T. 354, once the benefit has been extended to a similarly situated employees, it is incumbent

upon the respondents to grant the said benefit to the similarly

situated employees as well without forcing them to approach this Court.

The prayer of the petitioners is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to grant the petitioners the benefit of the revised pay scale keeping in view the notification dated 19.05.1998 (Annexure P-3).

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has submitted representation dated 25.03.2018 (Annexure P-10) with the respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the representation dated 25.03.2018 (Annexures P-10) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the representation dated 25.03.2018 (Annexure P-10), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 25.03.2018 (Annexure P-10) within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

October 16, 2019

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No