

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

**CWP-23220-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:29.08.2019**

Vinod Kumar & others

... Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala & another

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate for the respondents.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners who are six in number are stated to be currently serving on the posts of Superintendent and Deputy Registrars under the Punjabi University, Patiala.

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of a writ of mandamus for directing the respondent/University to step up the pay of the petitioners i.e. the General Category Employee at par with their junior (SC category employees), the details of which have been furnished in Annexure P-1 appended along with the writ petition.

It is the contention raised by the counsel that the claim set-up in the instant petition would be covered in terms of judgment dated 18.11.2008 in CWP No.5956 of 2008 titled as **Charan Dass Vs. State of Haryana** (Annexure P-2). Counsel further contends that the claim would find support even as per instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-7) which have been issued by the Department of Personnel, State of Punjab and duly adopted by the respondent University vide letter dated 24.01.2018 (Annexure P-8).

Counsel raised a submission that even a legal notice dated 23.07.2019 has already been served and he would be satisfied if the instant writ petition is to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the claim of the petitioners within a stipulated time frame.

Prayer made by the counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the writ petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent i.e. Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala, to examine the claim of the petitioners against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 23.07.2019 (Annexure P-12) expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Final decision in such regard be taken and be communicated to the petitioners.

It is clarified that this Court has not examined the claim of the petitioners on merits.

Disposed of.

29.08.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |