

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

**CWP-25501-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:12.09.2019**

Sukhjit Singh & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate for the petitioners.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners are working on the post of Assistant Engineer (PH), SDO (PH) and XEN (PH) with the Punjab Mandi Board/respondent No.3.

Writ of mandamus is sought for directing the respondents to grant to the petitioners the pay scale of Rs.2000-3500 w.e.f. 01.01.1986, revised to 2200-4000 w.e.f. 01.01.1991. Further prayer is for grant of first proficiency step up of Rs.3000-4500 after 8 years of service and second proficiency step after completion of 18 years of service in the pay scale of Rs.3700-5300 as being granted to the Junior Engineers working under the Soil Conservation Department. It is asserted that the claim raised in the instant petition would be covered in favour of the petitioners in the light of judgment dated 02.09.2014 (Annexure P-4) in **CWP-2605-1998** at Annexure P-4.

Counsel submits that identically situated employees filed **CWP-22841-2019 (Harinder Singh & others Vs. State of Punjab & others)** and which was disposed of by a Coordinate Bench on 28.08.2019 with a direction to the respondents therein to take a final decision on the legal notice that the petitioners had served.

In view of the above and without even opining on the merits of the case, the instant writ petition is also disposed of in terms of order dated 28.08.2019 passed by a Coordinate Bench in **CWP-22841-2019 (Harinder Singh & others Vs. State of Punjab & others)**. Respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 01.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

12.09.2019

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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