

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

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CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO.28004 OF 2019
DATE OF DECISION: NOVEMBER 28, 2019

Harkamaljit Singh and others

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

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

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have served a legal notice dated 03.08.2019 (Annexure P-8) upon the respondents, claiming pay parity on the basis of judgment of this Court in Civil Writ Petition No.2605 of 1998 (R.K.Aggarwal and others Vs. State of Punjab and others), decided on 02.07.2014 (Annexure P-7), which judgment has been upheld by the Division Bench of this Court in L.P.A. No.1991 of 2014 (State of Punjab and others Vs. Er.R.K.Aggarwal and others), decided on 29.07.2019 (Annexure P-9). Counsel contends that the petitioners although have approached at a later stage but they would still be entitled to the benefit of pay parity atleast for fixing the same at notional basis and the arrears can be restricted to 3 years and 2 months prior to the date of submission of legal notice.

Keeping in view the assertions made by counsel for the

petitioners and without going into the merits or commenting thereon, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Secretary, Department of Local Government, Punjab, Punjab Municipal Bhawan, Sector 35-A, Chandigarh-respondent No.1 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as has been submitted by them through their legal notice dated 03.08.2019 (Annexure P-8) within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. It is made clear that in case the claim of the petitioners is accepted, the consequential benefits be also released to them within the time stipulated above.

November 28, 2019
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No