

Sr. No.131

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

CWP No. 36466 of 2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 16.12.2019

Vasu Mangla and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr.Sarthak Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr.Mehardeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioners herein seek issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent-Department to grant the petitioners parity in pay scales with their counterparts working in the Department of Soil Conservation, alongwith all other service benefits such as proficiency Step Up and/or Assured Career Progression as are being granted to such similarly placed counterparts and the consequential benefits of arrears of salary. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the case of the petitioners is squarely covered by the Judgment rendered by this Court in CWP No.2605 of 1998 (Annexure P-4) and as upheld in LPA No.1991 of 2014 (Annexure P-5).

2. In the premise, petitioners also caused issuance of a legal notice dated 17.10.2019, contained at Annexure P-7, but the same has not been adverted by the respondents till date. Hence,

the writ petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On advance service of the petition, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional A.G., Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State.

5. Given the nature of order being passed, there is no necessity to seek return by the respondents as no further proceedings and/or pleadings are required.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to objectively consider the legal notice dated 17.10.2019 contained at Anenxure P-7, and also by keeping in view the contentions raised in the present writ petition by treating it as a supplementary representation and the Judgment *ibid*, and pass a speaking order, in accordance with law.

7. Let the needful be done within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

8. Disposed of in above terms.

16.12.2019
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No