

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

**CWP No.2874 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:03.02.2020**

Gurnam Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. J.S. Mohri, Advocate for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

Petitioners have filed the instant petition seeking a mandamus directing the respondents to count the services rendered by them as Special Police Officers as qualifying service for extending benefit of pay fixation, proficiency step up, ACP Fixation, Seniority and pensionary benefits.

As per pleadings on record petitioners were engaged as SPOs on different dates between the period 1991 to 1992 on daily wage basis. A selection process is stated to have been initiated thereafter in which all the petitioners participated and on being successful were allotted constabulary numbers in the year 1993 and petitioner No.8 in the year 2001.

It is the contention raised by counsel that claim raised in the instant petition would be covered in terms of the Division Bench judgment of this Court in ***CWP No.2371 of 2010 titled as Harbans Lal Vs. The State of Punjab and ors.*** Further urged that identically situated employees had approached this Court by way of filing of **CWP No.9936 of 2017**

titled as **Sukhjeet Singh and ors. Vs. The State of Punjab** and others and such writ petition has been allowed vide order dated 15.02.2018 (Annexure P-7).

Petitioners seek parity in treatment.

At this stage, counsel submits that he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to examine the claim against the backdrop of a legal notice that already stands served.

Submission advanced by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 to examine the claim of the petitioners in the light of the legal notice dated 16.11.2019 (Annexure P-9) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

February 03, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No