

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

CWP No.7765 of 2020

Date of Decision : 05.06.2020

Gaganjot Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Harpreet S. Rakhra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The petition has been taken for hearing through video conference due to Covid-19 pandemic.

In the present writ petition, the prayer of the petitioners is that they are entitled for increase of 10% in their salary, keeping in view the recommendations made by the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab vide letter dated 11.05.2010 (Annexure P/4). Learned counsel for the petitioners states that though, the said recommendations have already reached the competent authority but, no decision has been taken so far. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that non-finalization of the recommendations made vide letter dated 11.05.2010 (Annexure P/4) is causing prejudice to the petitioners. Prayer of the petitioners is for issuance of a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the claim of the petitioners in view of the said recommendations dated 11.05.2010 (Annexure P/4).

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which is being claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P/7) to respondent No.1, which is still pending consideration with respondent No.1

and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.1 to decide the same.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition accepts notice on behalf of the State of Punjab. Learned State counsel submits that the respondent-State has no objection with regard to deciding of legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P/7) sent by the petitioners in a time bound manner.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners, respondent No.1 is directed to decide legal notice dated 19.12.2019 (Annexure P/7) sent by the petitioners, by passing a speaking order within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

June 05, 2020

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No