

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.6408 of 2020

Date of Decision: 06.03.2020

Ramandeep Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate for the petitioner

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

(1) The petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to grant him seniority, pay fixation and consequential benefits notionally from the date when other category candidates were selected along with the petitioner vide advertisement dated 31.05.2016. The petitioner further prays for release of the arrears after re-fixing his salary, along with interest. Besides, the petitioner claims salary at par with regular employees on the principle of 'equal pay for equal work' on the basis of the Division Bench judgment of this Court in **CWP No.6391 of 2016 (Dr. Vishavdeep Singh & Ors. vs. State of Punjab & Ors.)** decided on 26.10.2018 (P5).

(2) Reliance has also been placed on a Coordinate Bench judgment in **CWP No.16236 of 2017 (Balkaran Singh vs. State of Punjab & Ors.)** decided on 04.10.2017 (P3) to contend that the offer of appointment to the writ-petitioner would relate back to the point of time when other candidates in same batch had been so selected and appointed.

(3) In this regard, counsel submits that the petitioner has even made a representation dated 18.11.2019 (P8) but no decision has been taken thereupon till date. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is given to the respondents to decide his representation

in a time bound manner by taking note of all the contentions raised by him in the present writ petition.

(4) Without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to objectively consider the petitioner's representation (P8) and decide the same by passing a speaking order in accordance with law within 3 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(5) So ordered.

06.03.2020

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*

Yes/No

2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No