

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

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CWP-8299-2020

Date of decision: 11.08.2020

Varindra Parveen and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr.Nitesh Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The petitioners have filed present petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 and 2 to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.3, who is junior to the petitioners, w.e.f. 10.03.2012 and also to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @12% p.a.

Learned Counsel for the petitioners has submitted that respondent No.3 who is junior to the petitioners is getting pay higher to them and they are entitled to step-up of their pay at par with him. The petitioners have served legal notice dated 22.01.2020 on the respondents for stepping up the pay of the petitioners which has not been disposed of so far.

Notice of motion.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy of the petition Ms. Simran Grewal Randhawa, AAG, Punjab has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

At this stage learned Counsel for the petitioners has submitted that legal notice dated 22.01.2020 (Annexure P-8) was served by the petitioners on respondent No.2 which may be ordered to be disposed of by treating the same as representation and the petition maybe disposed of accordingly.

Learned State Counsel has no objection if the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to dispose of the legal notice dated 22.01.2020 served by the petitioners by treating the same as representation.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case but without meaning to comment on merits in any manner, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-the Director, Public Instructions (SE), Punjab to treat legal notice dated 22.01.2020 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners as representation and dispose of the same in accordance with law by passing a speaking order expeditiously, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

A copy of this order be supplied to learned State Counsel and be also sent to respondent No.2-the Director, Public Instructions (SE), Punjab through e-mail for requisite compliance.

11.08.2020

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No