

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(109)

CWP No. 10009 of 2020

Date of Decision : 17.07.2020

Rasjiwan and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

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

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

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

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that respondent No. 3 is junior to the petitioners but is getting higher pay than the petitioners and, therefore, petitioners are entitled for the step up of their pay equivalent to that of their junior, namely, Raghwinder Bhatia i.e. respondent No. 3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further states that similarly situated employees, who also approached this Court, have already been extended the benefit as being claimed by the petitioners in the present writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioners have served upon the respondents a detailed legal notice on 16.03.2020 (Annexure P-7), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the said legal notice by passing an

appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Monica Chhibber Sharma, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and raises no objection for passing appropriate order on the legal notice of the petitioners dated 16.03.2020 (Annexure P-7) by respondent No. 2 in a time bound manner.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioners, respondent No. 2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 16.03.2020 (Annexure P-7) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. In case after the decision, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to them within a period of next three months.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

July 17, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes

Whether reportable? No