

115/A IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.11122 of 2020
Date of Decision :31.07.2020

Mahender Singh Ahluwalia and others Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University and anotherRespondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present : Mr. Vikas Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioners are retired employees of the University and as per Chapter-IV of the University Calendar are entitled to pension and other benefits including dearness allowance as per Rules framed by the Govt. of Punjab but despite repeated representations including last one i.e. Annexure P-4 dated 02.03.2020, no decision has been taken in respect thereto till date. Learned counsel also relies upon the orders passed in CWP No.26719 of 2019 and 19386 of 2019 in which directions were issued by this Court to the respondents to take a decision on the representation with regard to the claim for payment of dearness allowance to the retired University employees at par with the employees of the Govt. of Punjab. Learned counsel states that the petitioners would be satisfied, if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation Annexure P-4

dated 02.03.2020 in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate, who is present, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and states that he has no objection to the limited prayer of learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. Without commenting upon the merits of the controversy or the entitlement of the petitioners to the relief claimed, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation, Annexure P/4 dated 02.03.2020 in accordance with law after taking into account all aspects of the matter as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of six weeks from today. In case the petitioners are found entitled to the relief claimed, the same be released to them within a period of four weeks thereafter.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

July 31, 2020
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*