

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

CWP No.13316 of 2020.

Decided on:- September 01, 2020.

Suresh Kumar.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Mr. Vijay Kumar Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

The petitioner has filed this civil writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the minimum of the regular pay scale to the petitioner along with consequential benefits from the date of his initial appointment and to pay arrears @ 18% per annum on the basis of principle of 'equal pay for equal work'.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner was appointed as Sweeper in March 2005 in the office of Public Health Engineering Sub-Division Badhra and is entitled to have 'equal pay for equal work'. He relies upon the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court in

State of Punjab and others Versus Jagjit Singh and others 2016(4) SCT 641.

He has further contended that the petitioner has submitted a legal notice dated 15.03.2020 (Annexure P-6) to respondent No.2 i.e. Engineer-in-Chief, P.W.D., Public Health Engineering Department, Haryana, but no action thereof has been taken till date.

Notice of motion.

On asking of this Court, Ms. Ranjana Shahi, Addl. A.G., Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Heard.

Without observing anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take note of the contents of legal notice (Annexure P-6) and to pass a reasoned order within a period of six months from today.

September 01, 2020
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No