

**Navpreet Kaur and others**

**.....Petitioners**

**Vs.**

**Punjabi University Patiala and others**

**.....Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH**

Present: Mr. Rajat Garg, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

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**AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioners seek issuance of a writ in the nature of '*mandamus*', directing the respondents to pay the unpaid Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears, the detailed of which are given in the petition.

In respect of their grievance, the petitioners are stated to have got issued a legal notice to the respondents (copy Annexure P-8), dated 23.06.2020.

Since Mr. Ajaivir Singh, learned counsel for the respondents, has appeared, he having received an advance copy of the petition, notice of motion is issued, with him therefore accepting notice.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to take a decision on the aforesaid legal notice within a period of three months from today, by passing a detailed speaking order.

If the petitioners' claim is found to be correct, the amounts due to them would be disbursed within a period of three months thereafter.

As regards any arrears (if found due) being restricted to three years prior to the issuance of the legal notice, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no such restriction has been is imposed in other similar cases and in fact the respondent University has already implemented the orders in those cases by paying the amounts due to the petitioners in those petitions, from the dates that the arrears were found to be due.

That being so, with learned counsel for the respondents also very fairly not denying the aforesaid contention after taking instructions, naturally, arrears would be paid from the date that they were found so due.

**September 02, 2020**  
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**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned  
Whether Reportable

Yes/No  
Yes/No.