

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

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CWP-13782 of 2020

Date of decision :-09.10.2020

Narinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Dr. G.P.S. Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

The hearing of this petition has been taken up through video conferencing due to outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19).

Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the final seniority list of Sub-Inspectors of District Cadre (after 20.02.2008), Annexure P-2, issued by the respondents. A further prayer has been made for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to include the names of the petitioners in the final seniority list, Annexure P-2, and to grant them pay, grade, increments and other service benefits by assigning their seniority as Assistant Sub Inspector from revised date, as has been granted to the similarly situated persons.

Before approaching this Court, the petitioners had served a legal notice dated 30.03.2020, Annexure P-3, upon the respondents which has remained unattended.

Counsel submits that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied in case a direction is issued to the Competent Authority-respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice, Annexure P-3, within a specified time frame.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Advance copy of the petition has been supplied to him.

State counsel does not oppose the prayer made by the counsel for the petitioners for the decision on the legal notice.

In the light of the above, without going into the merits of the claim raised in the writ petition or in the legal notice, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the Director General of Police, Punjab-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 30.03.2020, Annexure P-3, in accordance with law within a period of four months from the date of the receipt of the certified copy of this order.

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JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No