

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

CWP No.15899 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision:-23.01.2020

Charanjit Kaur and others

.....Petitioners

versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. J.S. Sodhi, Advocate, for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioners who are six in number are stated to be serving as Superintendents under the Punjabi University, Patiala.

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of a writ of mandamus for directing the respondent-University to step up the pay of the petitioners i.e. Senior General Category Employees at par with their Junior (Scheduled Caste Category Employee) Smt. Dimple d/o Sh. Banarsi Dass.

It is the contention raised by the counsel that the claim set-up in the instant petition would be covered in terms of judgment dated 18.11.2008 in CWP No.5956 of 2008 titled as **Charan Dass Vs. State of Haryana** (Annexure P-2). Counsel further contends that the claim would find support even as per instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-8) which have been issued by the Department of Personnel, State of Punjab and duly adopted by the respondent University vide letter dated 24.01.2018 (Annexure P-9).

Counsel raised a submission that even a legal notice dated 09.04.2019 (Annexure P-11) has already been served and he would be satisfied if the instant writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction

to the concerned authority to examine the claim of the petitioners within a stipulated time frame.

Prayer made by the counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the writ petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent i.e. Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala, to examine the claim of the petitioners against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 09.04.2019 (Annexure P-11) expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Final decision in such regard be taken and be communicated to the petitioners.

It is clarified that this Court has not examined the claim of the petitioners on merits.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

23.01.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No