

**In The High Court of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CWP-15201-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 23.9.2020

Davinder Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Baljit Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The prayer in the present petition is for issuance of direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioners on the post of SPOs as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary/retiral benefits.

The learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners were initially enrolled as Special Police Officers (SPOs) under the Punjab Government Policy in the year 1992-1994 and were later on regularized as constable on different dates between years 1992-2002.

The learned counsel for the petitioners further states that they are claiming benefits to count their service rendered on the post of SPO as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary and retiral benefits.

The learned counsel further states that in CWP No.7127 of 2019, titled as Jarnail Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others, the same relief has been granted to the similarly situated employees. He further stated that the legal notice dated 13.3.2020 (Annexure P-10) is pending before the competent authority which is not being addressed till date.

The learned counsel for the petitioner further states that the petitioners will be satisfied if the legal notice dated 13.3.2020 is decided within a stipulated period.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Additional AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Keeping in view the above, the directions are issued to the Additional Director General of Police, Punjab (respondent No.3) to decide the legal notice dated 13.3.2020 (Annexure P-10) within a period of three months after receiving the certified copy of this order, as per law.

September 23, 2020
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable No