

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

**CWP No.15376 of 2020
Date of Decision :25.09.2020**

Dr. Virender Kumar and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE

Present : Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate for the respondents.
(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual Court)

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral):

The petitioners are employed with the Punjabi University, Patiala-respondent No.1, though holding different posts/ranks. However, their grievance is common: that have not been released the arrears of dearness allowance (D.A) increased from 80% to 90% w.e.f. 01.07.2013 to 31.01.2014, from 90% to 100% from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014 and from 100% to 107% from 01.07.2014 to 28.02.2015.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that although the petitioners have individually represented to the respondents-authorities to release the arrears, to which they were entitled to, but to no avail. Even the legal notice dated 07.07.2020 (Annexure P-6), the University has been served with has failed to evoke any responses. In reference to the various orders passed by this Court (Annexures P-2 to P-5), from time to time, it is submitted that the matters involving identical issue and grievance were

disposed of by this Court with a direction to the University to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners within a specified time.

Notice.

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that let this petition be also disposed of, at this stage, only with a direction to the respondents to consider and deal with the grievance of the petitioners as raised/set out in the legal notice dated 07.07.2020 (Annexure P-6), in the first instance.

In the wake of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents-university to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner set out in the legal notice dated 07.07.2020 (Annexure P-6), within a period of two months, from the receipt of certified copy of this order. It is made clear that in the event, the petitioners herein are found entitled to the reliefs prayed for, the same shall be released to them within two months thereafter.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on merits of the case of the petitioners, for, the respondents-university shall be free to pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

25.09.2020

Manoj Bhutani

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No