

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

CWP-16697-2020

Date of decision: 11.11.2020

Ram Dayal and others

.....Petitioners.

vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. G.P.S Bal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The grievance of the petitioners, 907 in number, is with regard to the regularization of their services as Conductors and Drivers in the service of Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company Limited, now merged in Punjab Roadways.

Notice of motion was issued in this case on 09.10.2020 but a reply is yet to be filed by the authorities.

While so, Mr. G.P.S. Bal, learned counsel for the petitioners, would inform this Court that some other employees, who were similarly situated, sought relief on the same lines but were turned down by order dated 22.06.2018 passed by the Managing Director of Punjab State Bus Stand Management Company Limited and approached this Court by way of CWP-16615-2020. They also sought a direction therein for regularization of their services. The said writ petition was disposed of on 09.10.2020 with directions. A copy of the said order is placed on record.

Perusal thereof reflects that this Court was of the opinion that

the representations submitted by the petitioners therein should be decided

in the first instance. Further, as the petitioners therein were incapable of properly articulating their grievances owing to their lack of education, the competent authority, viz., the Secretary (Transport) or his nominee, was directed to permit upto a maximum of three lawyers to be heard on their behalf before a decision was taken on their representations.

Mr. G.P.S. Bal, learned counsel for the petitioners, would state that the interest of the petitioners would be sufficiently protected if a similar direction is given in this case. Ms. Maloo Chahal, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, agrees to disposal of the case on these lines.

In that view of the matter, the petitioners are permitted to make a detailed representation within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, ventilating their grievances with full particulars.

The competent authority, viz., the Secretary (Transport), State of Punjab, or his nominee, as the case may be, shall consider the said representation and afford an opportunity of hearing to upto three lawyers representing the petitioners. The competent authority shall thereupon take a reasoned decision on all the issues raised by the petitioners and communicate the same to them. The entire exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than three months from the date of receipt of the petitioners' representation.

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

11.11.2020

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