

116 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16012-2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 01.10.2020

Ranjit Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr.B.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl. AG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners have filed the present writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondents to count the service rendered by them on the post of SPO's as a qualifying service for the purposes of pensionary/retiral benefits. It is claimed that the aforesaid issue stands finally decided by the High Court, in '**Harbans Lal vs. State of Punjab and others**' (CWP 2371-2010). It has further been pleaded that the aforesaid judgment has been followed in various other orders passed by the High Court. The petitioners also claim that the respondents-State has also implemented and started counting the service rendered by the similarly situated employees on the post of SPO's as a qualifying service for the purpose of determining pensionary and retiral benefits.

Sh. Nikhil Chopra, Addl. AG, Punjab, has appeared pursuant to service of advance copy of the writ petition. He submits that the petitioners have already submitted their legal notice (Annexure P-10) on which the decision will be taken within one month.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.3- Additional

Director General of Police, PAP, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, to decide the legal notice (P-10), within one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that this Court has passed the present order without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case. The Additional Director General of Police, shall also be required to give an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, through video conferencing, before passing a speaking order.

Disposed of.

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No