

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.16616 of 2020
Date of decision: 09.10.2020

Dharam Pal and ors.

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Ashish Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioners.

*(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video
conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court).*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioners – Dharam Pal and 10 others, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to grant revised pay scales as recommended by various Pay Commissions with regard to skilled and semi-skilled staff in the service of Punjab Government, in view of the order dated 26.04.2018 passed by this Court in CWP No.7001 of 2013 (Annexure P-8) and other connected petitions, especially when the order has attained finality and has been implemented by the department vide office order dated 16.10.2019, with a further prayer to direct the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 31.07.2020 (Annexure P-18).

Learned counsel for the petitioners based on pleadings, submits that for the same/similar grievances as made in the present petition, the petitioners have submitted a legal notice dated 31.07.2020 (Annexure P-18), but till date no action has been taken. Learned counsel also relies on order dated 24.09.2020, passed by this Court in CWP No.15281 of 2020 titled as

Nand Kishore and others Vs. State of Punjab and others (Annexure P19).

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushi, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3-State.

In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1-Secretary, Department of Transport, Civil Secretariat Punjab, Chandigarh, to decide the claim of the petitioners made in the legal notice dated 31.07.2020 (Annexure P-18), himself or depute/nominate the Competent Officer to decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 08 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

09.10.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No