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

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Date of decision:27.10.2020

Gaurav Gupta and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Anirudh Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate for the respondents/University.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Petitioners No.1 to 16 are serving on the post of Assistant Professors Stage-II, Computer Science and Engineering Department, petitioners No.17 and 18 are serving on the post of Assistant Professors Stage-II, Electronics & Communication Department, petitioner No.19 is serving on the post of Assistant Professor Stage-II, Computer Engineering Department, petitioner No.20 is serving on the post of Assistant Professor Stage-III, Electronics & Communication Department and petitioners No.21 and 22 are serving on the post of Assistant Professors Stage-IV, Computer Science and Engineering Department, Punjabi University, Patiala.

A writ of mandamus is sought to direct the respondent/University to grant them an additional increment on promotion/placement from Stage-I to Stage-II and then from Stage-II to Stage-III. The prayer is founded on the strength of UGC Guidelines, 2010

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which counsel submits even binds the respondent/University.

Yet another submission raised is that similarly situated employees have been granted the benefit of UGC Circular, 2010 by the Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, as also Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana.

Without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition in terms of granting liberty to the petitioners to file the comprehensive representations as regards their claim.

In the eventuality of any such representation being preferred, respondent No.3 would be obligated to examine the claim and to thereafter take a final decision thereupon by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of submission of such representation.

Writ petition is disposed of.

It is however made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the claim.

27.10.2020

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**(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking?

Yes/No

Whether reportable?

Yes/No