

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA ATCHANDIGARH

CWP-17488-2020

Date of Decision: November 24, 2020

TAPINDER SINGH AND OTHERS

..... PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Ms. Kamalpreet Kaur Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh Gill, Asst. A.G., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners seek a direction to the respondents to count the service rendered by them at the post of Special Police Officers (SPOs) as qualifying service, for the purpose of seniority for the post of Constable and all other consequential benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite service of legal notice dated 06.02.2020 (Annexure P-12), the respondent-authorities are not taking any action on the petitioners' claim.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts her prayer for a decision on the legal notice dated 06.02.2020 (Annexure P-12), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh Gill, Asst. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served.

Learned counsel for the State submits that the question of seniority of the petitioners, who were admittedly appointed to the post of Constable, on different dates in the year 1993, on the basis of their service as SPO, may be a moot point. However, he does not raise any serious objection to a direction for a decision on the legal notice dated 06.02.2020, submitted by the petitioners.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to consider and decide legal notice dated 06.02.2020 (Annexure P-12), within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

24.11.2020

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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No