

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.

(114)

CWP-19490-2020

Date of Decision: November 17, 2020

Om Parkash Goyal and others

.. Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

(Through video conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were given the retrospective promotion to the post of Sub Divisional Officer (SDO) when they were on the verge of their retirement but the consequential benefits of the said retrospective promotion to the post of Sub Divisional Officer (SDO), i.e. further promotion as Executive Engineer, have not been granted to them, which is causing prejudice to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that persons who were junior to the petitioners in seniority in the cadre of SDO have been promoted as Executive Engineer while the petitioners were in service and therefore, the petitioners are also entitled for the benefit of promotion as Executive Engineer with effect from the date persons junior to them were promoted alongwith the consequential benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the said relief, the petitioners have already approached the respondents by serving a

detailed legal notice dated 06.06.2020 (Annexure P-8) which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.1 to decide the said legal notice by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and raises no objection for deciding the legal notice dated 06.06.2020 (Annexure P-8) in a time bound manner by passing appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the legal notice dated 06.06.2020 (Annexure P-8), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to decide the legal notice dated 06.06.2020 (Annexure P-8) within a period of three months from the receipt of copy of this order.

November 17, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No