

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

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**CWP-20074-2020**

**Decided on : 25.11.2020**

Om Parkash Banal & others

... Petitioners

Versus

The Vice Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala & another

... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA**

Present: Mr.Manu K. Bhandari, Advocate, for the petitioners.  
(The proceedings are being conducted through video conferencing,  
as per instructions.)

**G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)**

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioners is that enhanced DA from 01.07.2013 to 31.01.2014 and thereafter, further enhanced from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014 as well as enhanced arrears of DA from 100% to 107% for the period 01.07.2014 to 28.02.2015, have not been released to them and the prayer of the petitioner is that direction needs to be issued to the respondents to release the said benefits to the petitioners alongwith interest @ 18% per annum.

Counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which has been sought in the present writ petition, petitioners have served the respondents with a legal notice dated 03.10.2020 (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 the respondents to decide the said legal notice.

Counsel has further pointed out that in **CWP-19386-2019** titled *Harbhajan Singh & others Vs. Punjabi University Patiala & another*, directions were issued on 18.07.2019 to decide the legal notice and pass speaking order. It is, thus, submitted that needful has been done and the benefits have accrued to the petitioners therein, however, it has been extended only to the employees who have got the Court orders.

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Notice of motion.

Keeping in view the above, no useful purpose would be served by calling upon the respondents to file response as it would only delay the proceedings.

Accordingly, in view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 03.10.2020 (Annexure P-8) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case after the decision, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to them within a period of next three months.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

**NOVEMBER 25, 2020**  
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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No