

**105 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CWP No.156 of 2021

Date of Decision: 08.02.2021

Pankaj Raj Garg and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate and
Mr. Narinder Pal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA J. (ORAL)

By way of this petition, the petitioners seek the indulgence of this Court for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant/release their salary for the period from 01.03.1996/17.07.1996 till the respective dates of their retirement as per their entitlement on their promotion to the post of Sub Divisional Officer in compliance with the judgment dated 03.07.2014 (Annexure P-1) handed down by this Court in **CWP No.15731 of 1991** and **CWP No.18332 of 2009**. They have further prayed for issuance of a direction to the respondents to promote them as Executive Engineers w.e.f. 15.03.2013, i.e the date when their junior Sub Divisional Officers were promoted as such and to re-fix their pay accordingly and also to release all the consequential benefits with effect from the above-said date along-with arrears, which would be accruing on account of the consequential revision of their pensionary benefits with interest thereon @ 12% per annum. The petitioners have also prayed for directing the respondents to decide their

claim as put-forth in the legal notice dated 14.08.2020 (Annexure P-12) and to pay the arrears of salary to them along-with interest thereon at the afore-claimed rate.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab has joined the proceedings in pursuance of the copy of this petition having been sent to the respondents-State in advance and at the asking of the Court, he accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to the respondents to look into and decide the legal notice dated 14.08.2020 (Annexure P-12), as issued on their behalf to the respondents, in a time bound manner.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the afore-mentioned limited prayer of learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting upon the merits of the matter in hand, the present writ petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to look into the said legal notice of the petitioners dated 14.08.2020 (Annexure P-12) and to decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

08.02.2021

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**(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No