

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.407 of 2021
DATE OF DECISION : 9th JANUARY, 2021

Umesh Kumar Khanna & another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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In virtual Court

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

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the petitioners the benefit of revised pay scales after grant of designation of Assistant Engineers (on completion of 20 years of service) and also grant the additional increment on completion of 25 years of regular service as Junior Engineer (designated as Assistant Engineer) under the career progression scheme, along with certain other prayers.

The counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the decision dated 16.05.2020 rendered by this court in CWP No.6764 of 2020 in case of *Ashok Kumar Parinja and others versus State of Punjab and others*,

to contend that the petitioners were entitled to be designated as Assistant

Engineer on completion of 20 years of service and were entitled to pay scale and benefits of the said post.

However, the counsel for the petitioners has submitted that, at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied if the case of the petitioners is considered by the respondents in time bound manner and their legal notice dated 12.05.2020 (Annexure P-15) is decided by the respondents.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and has submitted that the State is not averse to expeditious disposal of grievance of the petitioners.

In view of the above, the respondents are directed to take a conscious decision upon the legal notice dated 12.05.2020 (Annexure P-15) served by the petitioners, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

It is further ordered that in case the petitioners are found entitled to the financial benefits on such conscious decision to be taken by the respondents, then the same shall be actually released to the petitioners within a further period of one month from the date of such decision.

The petition stands disposed of with above said direction.

9th January, 2021
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes

No

Whether Reportable:

Yes

No