

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(111)

CWP No. 1066 of 2021

Date of Decision : 29.01.2021

Dr. Maninder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and others

.....Respondents

(through video conferencing)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners with a prayer that they are entitled for additional increment on promotion/placement from Stage-I to Stage-II, which benefit has not been extended to them despite their entitlement and hence, a direction needs to be issued to the respondent-University to grant the said benefit and release the arrears along with interest on delayed payment.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the said benefit, has already been extended to the similarly situated employees but the same has not been extended to the petitioners without any valid justification. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the petitioners have already approached the respondents through a legal notice

consideration with the respondent-University and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate, 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. Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection for deciding the legal notice dated 28.10.2020 (Annexure P-5) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners, respondent No. 3 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 28.10.2020 (Annexure P-5) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the receipt of copy of this order.

In case, it is found that the petitioners are entitled for any relief after the decision of the legal notice, the same should also be released to the petitioners within two months thereafter.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

January 29, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*