

CWP-1851-2021

Date of decision : January 27, 2021

ASHOK SHARMA AND ORS

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Ms. Sudha, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners claim to be entitled to benefits of Assured Career Progression (ACP) scheme, which has been formulated, as per policy/circular dated 03.11.1996 (Annexure P1). Learned counsel further refers to decision dated 20.05.2013 in CWP-16446-2010 (Annexure P3) whereby benefit has been afforded to alleged similarly situated employees of other departments of State of Punjab. It is submitted that despite service of legal notice dated 10.10.2020 (Annexure P8), no action is being taken by the respondent – authorities.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a direction that legal notice dated 10.10.2020 (Annexure P8), be decided by the authorities in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case, but without any expression of opinion on the merits of the matter, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to decide legal notice dated 10.10.2020 (Annexure P8), within a period of three months from receipt of certified copy of

this order. In case, petitioners are found entitled to the benefit in question, the same be released to them within two months thereafter. Needless to say if decision be adverse to the petitioners, same be by way of a speaking order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

January 27, 2021
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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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