

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.1820 of 2021

Date of Decision:27.01.2021

Pavitar Kumar and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and another

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Manu K. Bhandari, Advocate
for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

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

Grievance of the petitioners is that they have not been released the benefit of arrears of enhanced dearness allowance from 80 % to 90 % for the period 01.07.2013 to 31.01.2014, arrears of enhanced dearness allowance from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014 and arrears of enhanced dearness allowance from 100 % to 107 % from 01.07.2014 to 28.02.2015. Interim relief of 5% as has been granted by the State of Punjab to its employees vide decision dated 16.06.2017 w.e.f., 01.01.2017 to 31.01.2017 along with interest at the rate of 18% per annum.

It is submitted that the benefit as mentioned above is being released to those employees, who are approaching this Court but the respondent-University is denying the same to other employees. Legal notice dated 10.10.2020, Annexure P-8, it is submitted has been served, but to no avail.

At this state, learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer for a direction to the competent authority to decide their legal notice

dated 10.10.2020, Annexure P-8, in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited prayer addressed, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide legal notice dated 10.10.2020, Annexure P-8 submitted by the petitioners, by passing a speaking order, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioners are found entitled to any benefit, same be released to them within three months thereafter.

27.01.2021
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[LISA GILL]
Judge

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