

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP-5758-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision : 12.03.2021**

Amrik Singh and Another

.....Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Punjab and Others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Suram Singh Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The prayer in the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to grant higher pay-scale for the post on which the petitioners had worked on officiating basis with all consequential benefits in view of the law laid down **2014(3) SCT 330 (U.T.Administration Vs. Tirlochan Singh)**.

The learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that in this regard a legal notice dated 04.02.2019 (Annexure P-6) has been sent to respondent No.2. However, till date no action has been taken on the same. Learned counsel would further contend that the petitioners were unable to approach this Court earlier for redressal of their grievance due to unforeseeable circumstances. Learned counsel for the petitioners would further contend that, at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to treat the present writ petition as a representation and to decide the same in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab has put in appearance through video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, the present petition is disposed off, without commenting on the merits of the case, with a direction to respondent No.2 - The Additional Director General of Police (Prison), Punjab- to treat the present writ petition as a representation on behalf of the petitioners and to take a decision thereon, in accordance with law, expeditiously and in any case within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed off.

March 12, 2021

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NOTE:

Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking

Whether reportable: Yes/No

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JUDGE