

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

118-CWP-4598-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 26.02.2021

Balbir Singh & Anr.

...Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Anr.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Rakesh Kumar Sobti, Advocate for the petitioners.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioners-Balbir Singh and Harbans Singh have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer directing the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioners contained in their representation (Annexure P-5 & P-6) to step up their pay equal to their juniors belonging to Schedule Caste in the concerned cadre in terms of Punjab Government Circular letter No.8/5/15-3P.P.1/42 dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-4) and revise the pensionary benefits and make the payment of arrears along-with interest @ 12% due to delay being caused in the payment arrears of pay and allowances admissible after stepping up the pay as prayed for.

Learned counsel for the petitioners based upon the pleadings in the petition submits that petitioner No.1 was recruited as Clerk in the Punjab Civil Secretariat in November 1969. It is then submitted that relying on the policy instructions dated 14.03.2017, the petitioner Nos.1 & 2 submitted their representations/application(s) dated 23.11.2020 and 13.07.2020, (P5 & P6) for grant of consequential benefits. Learned counsel also submits that

2017 (Gurnaik Singh & Anr. Vs. State of Punjab & Anr.) which was disposed of on 25.10.2017 (P7). Learned counsel also submits that in compliance of the directions issued by this Court, vide order dated 11.01.2019, necessary relief has also been granted to the other employees.

Learned counsel then submits that for same/similar grievance, the petitioners had also submitted representations (Annexures P-5 & P-6).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Anju Arora, Addl. AG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents-State through video-conferencing.

Without commenting on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representations (P5 & P6) of the petitioners by passing a speaking order in accordance with law within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

So ordered.

26.02.2021

Shruti/Vvishal

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. Whether speaking/reasoned?

Yes/No

2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No