

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.7440 of 2021

Date of decision: 01.04.2021

Vijay Singh and Ors.

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Randhir Singh Manhas, Advocate
for the petitioners.

*[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court on account of
restrictions due to COVID-19].*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioners – Vijay Singh and 13 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to implement the Norms and Basis of Costing for the Revised National Tuberculosis Control Program under NSP 2012-2017 dated 29.07.2013 issued by Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Annexure P-4), whereby the States have been mandated to revise/increase/enhance the salaries of employees, working/employed under RNTCP and accordingly grant the benefits to the petitioners, from the date of implementation as per the norms, along with further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners by making reference to pleadings in the petition submit that despite the fact that the Norms had been issued by the Government of India, yet the same have not been

implemented by the Government of Punjab. It is the case of the petitioners that even the order dated 02.12.2011 (Annexure P-5) passed by respondent No.2 regarding increase in salary has not been implemented yet.

At this stage, learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievances petitioners have got served a legal notice dated 20.11.2020 (Annexure P-6), but till date no action has been taken.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, Asst. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State.

In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2/Competent Authority, to consider the legal notice dated 20.11.2020 (Annexure P-6), and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 06 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

01.04.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No