

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.7383 of 2021
Date of decision: 01.04.2021

Ram Pal and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the respondent No.6, who is junior to the petitioners is getting higher salary from the petitioners and, therefore, the petitioners, who are seniors to the respondent No.6 are entitled for step up of their pay equivalent to that of respondent No.6. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance upon an order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P/10) passed by the respondent-department, wherein, the similarly situated employees like the petitioners, who are also seniors to respondent No.6, have been granted the benefit of step up of their pay equivalent to that of respondent No.6. The prayer of the petitioners is that they are also eligible for the grant of same benefit being similarly situated.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the

petitioners have already raised their grievance before the respondents by way of filing a legal notice dated 15.11.2020 (Annexure P/8), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the interest of justice will be served in case, the authorities are directed to decide the said legal notice in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State and raises no objection in deciding legal notice 15.11.2020 (Annexure P/8) served by the petitioners in a time bound manner.

In view of the above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners, the respondent No.2 is directed to decide legal notice 15.11.2020 (Annexure P/8) served by the petitioners by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In case, after passing of order, the petitioners are found entitled for any benefit, the same will also be released to them within a period of four weeks from the date of passing of the said order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

April 01, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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