

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

112 - CWP-9466-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.07.2021

Nachhatar Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, 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.

Petitioner Nachhatar Singh and 16 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia*, with a prayer to direct the respondents No.1 to 3 to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with their junior(s) i.e. respondent No.4.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioners had made a request to the official respondents especially the Director General of Police, Punjab to step up the pay of the petitioners especially in view of the order dated 17.09.2021 passed by the Commandant 5th Battalion, Bathinda (which was an order in compliance to this Court's order dated 19.06.2020 in **CWP-8290-2020 'Sukhwinder Singh & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab & Ors.'**).

In this regard, learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioners have submitted a legal notice dated 03.02.2021 (P8) which is yet to be decided.

At this stage, learned counsel makes a request that the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the legal notice in a time bound manner.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as contained in the legal notice (P8) by passing a speaking order within 6 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case the petitioner(s) is/are found entitled on merits to the claim as raised in the legal notice, the consequential benefits be disbursed within 2 months from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

05.07.2021

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No
Yes/No