

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-11163-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 19.08.2021

Karampal Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioners have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a direction to respondents Nos.1 to 5 to step up their pay at par with respondent No.6 in view of the speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (P10) passed by the respondent-Department in pursuance to which similarly-situated persons have already been granted the said benefit with consequential benefits along with interest @ 12%.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents-Department, to step up their pay at par with respondent No.6 (their junior). In this regard, counsel submits that for same/similar grievance, the petitioners had served a legal notice upon the official respondents on 25.03.2021 (P8) and as such a direction is sought to decide the said legal notice in view of the above facts.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 5, through video conferencing.

In view of the above and without commenting on merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2/Competent Authority, to consider the claim of the petitioners as raised in the legal notice dated 25.03.2021 (P8) and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case the claim of the petitioner(s) is accepted, the necessary benefit accruing therefrom be disbursed to the petitioner(s), positively within one month from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

19.08.2021

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**(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge**

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

Yes/No
Yes/No