

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-11448-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.07.2021

Usha Kumari & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Krishan Kumar Thakur, 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-Usha Kumari and 28 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for issuance of direction to respondents department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent Nos.11 to 13/their juniors in their own cadres, especially in view of speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the department in pursuance to the order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-7) and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along-with interest @ 12% p.a. and further direction to respondents to decide legal notice dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure P-8).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondents No.11 to 13 (their juniors in their own cadre).

Learned counsel submits that for same/similar grievance the petitioners have got served a legal notice dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure P-8).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab

accepts notice on behalf of 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 respondents /Competent Authority, to consider a legal notice dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure P-8), and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 04 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

01.07.2021
Shruti

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable? | Yes/No |