

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-11383-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 01.07.2021

Darshan Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Prateek Pandit, 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-Darshan Singh and 11 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for directing the respondents to count the entire daily wage service of the petitioners as SPOs (Special Police Officers) rendered prior to their regularization/enlistment as Constables as qualifying service for the purposes of Pensionary/Service benefits along with further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents to count the entire daily-wage service of the petitioners as SPOs, rendered prior to their regularization as Constables, as qualifying service for the purposes of Pensionary/Service benefits. He submits that for same/similar grievance the petitioner had submitted a legal notice dated 16.04.2021 (Annexure P-6), but till date no action has been taken.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-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 the legal notice dated 16.04.2021 (Annexure P-6), 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. <i>Whether speaking/reasoned?</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| 2. <i>Whether reportable?</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |