

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.11617 of 2021
Date of decision: 02.07.2021

Sarbjit Singh and Ors.

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Krishan Kumar Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

*[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court on account of
restrictions due to COVID-19].*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioners – Sarbjit Singh and 10 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent Nos.5 and 6/their juniors in their own cadres, especially in view of speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) in pursuance to order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-7) passed by this Court and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits alongwith interest @ 12% p.a., along with further prayer to direct the official respondents to decide the 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 respondent Nos.5 and 6 (their juniors in their own cadre) especially

in view of the speaking order dated 17.09.2020.

Learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievances petitioners have got served a legal notice dated 09.02.2021 (Annexure P-8), but till date no action has been taken.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official 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 respondent No.2/Competent Authority, to consider the 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.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

02.07.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No