

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-12263-2021

Date of decision: 09.07.2021

HC/PR Jatinder Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Assistant AG, Punjab.

(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-HC/PR Jatinder Singh and 16 others, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to count the daily wage service rendered by the petitioners as Special Police Officers (SPOs).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents to count the daily wage service rendered by the petitioners as SPOs. He submits that this service rendered as SPOs was before their respective regularization. He prays that the said service was required to be treated as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary/retiral benefits.

Learned counsel further submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 24.05.2021 (Annexure P-11) upon the respondents, but till date, no decision has been taken.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ayush Sarna, Assistant AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present writ petition with a direction to the Authority concerned/respondent No.2, to decide the legal notice (Annexure P-11) in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of seven months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

09.07.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No