

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.12124 of 2021
Date of decision: 08.07.2021

Gurmeet Singh and Ors.

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, 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 – Gurmeet Singh and three others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioners for granting the ASI Local Rank in view of the letter/circular dated 23.01.2020 (Annexure P-7) issued by respondent No.2, as the same has been granted by this Court to the similarly situated persons vide order dated 08.09.2020 in CWP No.13784 of 2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioners for granting the ASI local Rank, in view of the circular dated 23.01.2020. He further submits that the petitioners be given one week time to submit a comprehensive representation so that respondents can

decide the same and pass a speaking order.

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.3/Competent Authority, to take a decision on the supplementary representation (to be submitted within ten days from today) so submitted by the petitioners, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within four months from today, by passing a speaking order from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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