

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-13448-2021

Date of decision: 28.07.2021

HC/PR Raghbir 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 Raghbir Singh and 6 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 department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent Nos.4 and 5, who are junior to the petitioners especially in view of order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-12) passed by the department in pursuance to the order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-11) passed by this Court in CWP No.8290 of 2020 titled as '*Sukhwinder Singh and Ors Vs. State of Punjab and Ors*', along with further prayer to direct the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 15.05.2021 (Annexure P-10).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents department to step up their pay at par with respondent Nos.4 and 5 (who are junior to the petitioners). Learned counsel further submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 15.05.2021 (Annexure P-10) 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/respondents, to decide the legal notice (Annexure P-10) in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of five months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

28.07.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No