

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.14132 of 2021

Date of Decision: 29.07.2021

Mangat Rai and others

....Petitioners

VERSUS

Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. G.L. Bajaj and Mr. S.C. Jindal, Advocates
for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

Prayer in the present writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a direction to the respondents to release the unpaid arrears of Dearness Allowance (DA), which was increased from 80% to 90% for the period 01.07.2013 to 31.01.2014 and thereafter increased from 90% to 100% for the period 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014 and further increased from 100% to 107% for the period 01.07.2014 to 28.02.2015 to the petitioners, along with interest @ 9% per annum from the date when it became due, till its realization.

Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that in this regard a representation dated 20.01.2020 (Annexure P-2) followed by a legal notice dated 03.04.2021 (Annexure P-7) has been sent to respondent No.1, however, no decision has been taken so far. Learned counsel for the petitioners would further contend that at this stage the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.1 to take a decision on the representation dated 20.01.2020 (Annexure P-2) and the legal notice dated 03.04.2021 (Annexure P-7) and to release the arrears in a time-bound period.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate, who has joined the session through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and he states that he has no objection if the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.1 to take a decision on the representation dated 20.01.2020 (Annexure P-2) and the legal notice dated 03.04.2021 (Annexure P-7) and to release the arrears as found due towards the petitioners in a time-bound period.

Heard.

In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.1 - Registrar, Punjabi University, Patiala - to take a decision on the representation dated 20.01.2020 (Annexure P-2) and the legal notice dated 03.04.2021 (Annexure P-7) expeditiously, in accordance with law, and in any case within a period two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. The cumulative arrears found to be due towards the petitioners be released within one month thereafter.

The petitioners would be at liberty to agitate their rights qua receiving of interest on the delayed payment.

Disposed off.

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

29th July, 2021
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NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO