

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

129

CWP-14417-2021

Date of decision: 02.08.2021

ASI/LR Nishan Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

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

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. A.G. 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-ASI/LR Nishan 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 department to count the service rendered by the petitioners as SPOs as qualifying service for all intents and purposes including grant of all service benefits, along with further prayer to direct the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 02.02.2021 (Annexure P-10).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents department to count the service rendered by the petitioners as SPOs as qualifying service. He submits that

the petitioners had also relied upon the judgment dated 15.02.2018 in CWP No.9936 of 2017.

Learned counsel further submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioners have got served a legal notice dated 02.02.2021 (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/respondent No.2, 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

02.08.2021

jyoti3

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No