

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-14674-2021

Date of decision: 04.08.2021

Tarsem 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, 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)

Petitioner-Tarsem Singh and twenty 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 respondents No.9 & 10/their juniors, especially in view of the speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have joined the Punjab Police/Armed Police between the years 1998-2002, as Constables. The specific case of the petitioners is that certain officials eg. Sukhdeep Kaur Constable (Belt No.45/FZR) and Constable Gurpartap Singh (Belt No.5/IRB/2109), had joined as Constables on 14.12.2009 and 21.11.2006 respectively, however they are getting higher pay scale.

Learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioners got served a legal notice dated 21.01.2021 (Annexure P-8), but the same has not been decided till date.

Notice of motion.

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

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances as noticed above, 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, in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

04.08.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No