

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-15205-2021

Date of decision: 11.08.2021

Gurnam Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: None.

(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-Gurnam Singh and 23 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 to step up the pay of the petitioners *at par* with respondent No.7/their junior, especially in view of the speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10).

As per pleadings in the petition, for the above mentioned grievance, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 21.05.2021 (Annexure P-8) to respondents No.1 to 6, but the same has not been decided till date.

Notice of motion.

In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances as noticed above and without commenting upon merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2/competent authority to

consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as contained in the legal notice dated 21.05.2021 (Annexure P-8) by passing a speaking order within **six months** from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case, the petitioners are found entitled on merits to the claim as raised in the legal notice, the same be disbursed within **one month** from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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