

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.15781 of 2021

Date of Decision: 17.08.2021

Kishore Kumar and Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioners-Kishore Kumar and three others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* seeking a direction to the respondents department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.5/their junior, especially in view of speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the department in pursuance to order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-9) 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 relief as mentioned in the writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had made a request to the respondents department to step up the pay at par with respondent No.5/their junior. He submits that the petitioners had also relied upon the judgment dated 19.06.2020 passed in CWP No.8290 of 2020 titled as Sukhwinder Singh and Ors. Vs. State of Punjab and Ors.

Learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievance, the

petitioners had got served a legal notice dated 16.04.2021 (P8) upon the respondents but its response is still awaited.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State, through video conferencing.

At this stage, learned counsel makes a request that the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the legal notice in a time bound manner.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority/respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as contained in the legal notice (P8) by passing a speaking order within four 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.

17.08.2021

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No