

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP 16506 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 26, 2021

Harbhajan Singh and others ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

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

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab
for respondents No. 1 and 2.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioners have come up in this civil writ petition under articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a prayer by way of writ of *mandamus*, directing the respondents to permit the petitioners to exercise option in the new revised pay scale in view of the changed circumstance and by the change in Master Scale vide notification dated 24.01.2.1992 with further directions to release the arrears of revised pay and pension

gratuity and leave encashment alongwith interest @ 18% per annum, for which, legal notice dated 30.12.2020 (Annexure P-7) has also been served upon the respondent authorities.

Heard.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 and 5. Let copy of paper book be supplied to him.

In the light of oral submissions of the petitioner's side the directions are issued to the respondent authorities to duly consider legal notice dated 31.12.2020 (Annexure P-9) as representation of petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law by passing a speaking order, preferably, within a period of one month from the date of passing of this order.

If the petitioners are held entitled for so claimed relief and there is no impediment for granting the same, the relief be released to them without any delay as per law.

Disposed off.

August 26, 2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No