

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-16573-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.09.2021

Dr. Rajesh Kumar & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG 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.

The petitioners, *inter alia*, seek a direction for granting them the benefit of Career Advancement Scheme as per UGC and consequential benefits thereof by granting extension/exemption in requisite courses at par with Govt. College Teachers and similarly placed Govt. aided college lecturers as allowed in **CWP-6739-2014 (Ashok Kumar & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab & Ors.)** decided on 17.01.2019.

Learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioner has got served a legal notice dated 18.01.2021 (P14) upon the respondents but its response is awaited.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents, 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 i.e. respondent No.1 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as contained in the legal notice (P14) by passing a speaking order within 5 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case the petitioner(s) is/are found entitled on merits to the claim as raised in the legal notice, the same be disbursed within two months from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

13.09.2021

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

Yes/No

Yes/No

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge