

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-17416-2021

Date of decision: September 06, 2021

HC/PR Baldev 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.

(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-HC/PR Baldev Singh and 04 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 count the service rendered by the petitioners as SPOs as qualifying services for all intents and purposes as has been granted to similarly situated employees vide order dated 15.02.2018 passed in **CWP No.9936 of 2017** and same has been complied by the Department vide order dated 11.12.2018 & 17.12.2018 (Annexure P-7).

As per pleadings in the petition, for the above mentioned grievance, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 02.02.2021 (Annexure P-10) to respondents No.1 to 7, but the same has not been decided till date.

Notice of motion.

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

Having heard learned counsel for the parties 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 02.02.2021 (Annexure P-10) 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.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No