

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-17844-2021

Date of decision: September 09, 2021

Nirmal Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

Punjabi University, Patiala through its
Vice Chancellor and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr.Manu K. Bhandari, 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-Nirmal Singh and 85 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 release to the petitioners arrears of enhanced D.A. from 80% to 90% from 01.07.2013 to 31.01.2014; 90% to 100% from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014 and 100% to 107% from 01.07.2014 to 28.02.2015 alongwith further relief as mentioned in the Writ Petition

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he has instructions from the petitioners to submit that they would restrict the claim of arrears to 38 months prior to the date of the filing of the present writ petition.

As per pleadings in the petition, for the above mentioned grievance, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 24.02.2021

(Annexure P-8) to respondents No.1 and 2, but the same has not been decided till date. He submits that similar directions were given by this Court in CWP No.14145 of 2021 decided on 29.07.2021.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Harchand Singh Batth, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

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 24.02.2021 (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