

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-17834-2021

Date of decision: September 09, 2021

HC/PR Yogesh Kumar 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 Yogesh Kumar and 14 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 step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondents No.10 to 13/their juniors in their own cadres, especially in view of Speaking Order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the department in pursuance to the order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-7) passed by this Hon'ble Court in CWP No.8290 of 2020 alongwith further relief as mentioned in the Writ Petition.

As per pleadings in the petition, for the above mentioned grievance, the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 08.03.2021 (Annexure P-8) to the respondents, 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 08.03.2021 (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