

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP-18495-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.09.2021**

HC/PR Baljinder Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. B.S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh, 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.

Petitioners-HC/PR Baljinder Singh and twenty eight others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for directing the respondents to remove the anomaly between the pay of senior and junior Govt. employees according to the notification dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) and to decide the representation/legal notice dated 16.03.2021 (Annexure P-2) along with further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he has instructions from the petitioner to make a statement that petitioner will not claim arrears beyond 38 months from the date of filing of the present writ petition. He further submits that for same/similar grievance the petitioners had got served a legal notice upon respondents on dated 16.03.2021 (Annexure P-2), but the same has not been decided till date.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Abhaypal Singh, A.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

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 respondent No.2/competent authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as contained in the legal notice dated 16.03.2021 (Annexure P-2), in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, 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.

16.09.2021
Shruti

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

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

Yes/No
Yes/No