

CWP-19832-2021

Date of decision: 30.09.2021

Vinod Kumar and others

.....Petitioners

versus

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH**Present:** None.**FATEH DEEP SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Records perused.

The petitioners have invoked the jurisdiction of this Court in terms of Articles 226 of the Constitution of India seeking prayer by way of writ of *mandamus* for issuance of directions to the respondents to grant the benefits of same pay scale and pensionary benefits to the petitioners as their counterparts working in the Soil Conservation Department of the State of Punjab on the basis of the letter dated 13 January, 1997 (Annexure P-4) as directed by this Hon'ble Court vide order dated 02.07.2014 in CWP No.2605 of 1998 which has been upheld by this Hon'ble Court vide order dated

29.07.2019 in LPA No.1991 of 2014 and the petitioner be granted all the consequential benefits such as fixation of pay, arrears of pay etc for which the petitioners is legally entitled along with interest @ 18% per annum.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl.A.G., Punjab puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. Copy supplied.

Heard.

On perusal of the records, the present petition stands disposed off with the directions to the respondents to consider the legal notice dated 20.12.2020 (Annexure P-7) as representation moved by the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order preferably within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

If found entitled and if there is no impediment for the release of payment, the same be granted to the petitioners without any delay, as per law.

The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

30.09.2021

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**(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No