

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.19895 of 2021
Date of Decision: 30.09.2021

Ratti Ram & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. AG, 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-Ratti Ram and 20 others have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer for directing the respondents-department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.8/their junior, especially in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-7) and speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the department in pursuance to the order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-9) and to decide the representation/legal notice dated 21.06.2021 (Annexure P-8).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the same/similar grievance the petitioners had got served a legal notice upon respondents on dated 21.06.2021 (Annexure P-8), but its response is still awaited.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State, through video conferencing.

At this stage, learned counsel makes a request that the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the representation/legal notice in a time bound manner.

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 competent authority/respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as contained in the legal notice (P8) 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.

30.09.2021

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

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

Yes/No
Yes/No