

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**CWP No.20961 of 2021 (O&M)****Date of decision: October 12, 2021**

Kashmiri Lal and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**Present:** Mr.NiteshSingla, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG Punjab.

(Presence marked through video conference)

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners herein, *inter alia*, seek issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent department to step up their pay at par with their junior i.e. respondent No.7, especially, in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-7) and a speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the department in pursuance to an order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-9) passed by this Court in CWP No.8290 of 2020 titled as Sukhwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that qua their aforesaid grievance, petitioner caused issuance of a legal notice dated 09.07.2021 (Annexure P-8) but the same has not been adverted by the respondents till date. Hence, the instant petition.

3. On advance service, learned State counsel joins proceedings and opposes the issuance of notice of motion. He submits that competent authority shall

take decision either way, on the pending legal notice dated 09.07.2021 (Annexure P-8) in due course.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners also agrees that let a final decision be taken, by the competent authority on the pending legal notice dated 09.07.2021 (Annexure P-8).

5. Given the nature of order being passed, there is no necessity to seek return by any of the respondents as no further proceedings and/or pleadings are required.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to look into the grievance of the petitioners as per legal notice dated 09.07.2021 (Annexure P/8) and also by keeping in view the contentions raised in the present petition by treating the same as supplementary representation and take a decision, in accordance with law.

7. Let the needful be done within a period of 03 months from today. In case favorable order is passed then benefit thereof be accorded to the petitioners within a period of two months thereafter.

8. Disposed of accordingly.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

October 12, 2021
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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No