

CWP-22569-2021

Date of Decision : 15.11.2021

Balvir Singh and Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

....Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present : Mr. J.S. Mohri, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

[1] Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

[2] Prayer in the petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for the issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus for directing the respondents to step-up pay of the petitioners at par with their juniors i.e. respondent Nos.4 to 13, especially in view of speaking order, Annexure P-12 dated 17.09.2020 passed by the department pursuant to order, Annexure P-11 dated 19.06.2020 in CWP No.8290 of 2020 in case titled as 'Sukhwinder Singh and others versus State of Punjab and others' whereby other similarly situated persons as the petitioners, were granted the aforesaid benefit etc.

[3] At the outset, learned counsel contends that the petitioners have served a representation/legal notice, Annexure P/10 dated 08.07.2021 in respect of grievances which are the subject matter of the writ petition, but no decision has been taken on the same till date and that in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied if the writ petition

notice, Annexure P/10 be decided in accordance with law in a time bound manner.

[4] Notice of motion to respondent No.3 only.

[5] Mr.TPS Chawla, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and after perusal of the writ petition states that he has no objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

[6] Accordingly, in view of the statement of learned counsel for the parties but without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.3 to consider and decide the claim made in representation / legal notice, Annexure P/10 dated 08.07.2021 in accordance with law after taking into account all aspects of the matter within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

[7] Petition disposed of with the aforementioned directions.

15.11.2021
'Amit'

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*