

CWP No.23447 of 2021
Date of Decision : 18.11.2021

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

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

Present : Mr.Baljeet Singh Sidhu, 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 writ petition under Articles 226 / 227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the anomaly between the pay of senior and junior government employees in terms of Notification (Annexure P-1) dated 22.08.2019 issued by Government of Punjab, Department of Finance, which is claimed to have occurred due to grant of benefit of Assured Career Progression Scheme (ACP) in the pay scales re-revised in the year 2011, resulting in pay of some juniors government employees getting fixed at higher level than the pay of their seniors etc.

[3] At the outset, learned counsel contends that the petitioners have served legal notice (Annexure P/2) dated 18.05.2021 but the claim made therein has not been decided till date, therefore, in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied, if the writ petition is disposed of by directing

respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim made in legal notice (Annexure P/2) dated 18.05.2021 in a time bound manner.

[4] Notice of motion to respondent No.2 only.

[5] Mr. TPS Chawla, learned 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 instant petition is *disposed of* by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim made in legal notice (Annexure P/2) dated 18.05.2021, in accordance with law, after taking into account all aspects of the matter within 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

[7] Petition disposed of with the aforementioned directions.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

18.11.2021

'Rajneesh'

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