

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP-25383-2021(O&M)
DATE OF DECISION: 14.12.2021**

Arwinder Pal and Others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Ranjivan Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral):

Heard through video conferencing.

The prayer in the present Civil Writ Petition filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the benefit of Assured Career Progression Scheme (4-9-14 ACP Scheme as formulated vide Policy Circular dated 03.11.2006) and the benefit of Revised/Structural Pay in pursuance of Notification dated 01.12.2011 as has been granted to similarly situated Junior Engineers vide order dated 20.05.2013 passed by this Court in CWP-16446-2010, **Jaswinder Singh Bedi & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab & Ors.** (Annexure P-5) upheld by the Letters Patent Bench in LPA-244-2014 on 19.12.2014.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that in this regard a legal notice dated 20.10.2021 (Annexure P-20) was also sent to the respondents. However, no response has been received to the same till

date. Learned counsel for the petitioners further states that he limits his prayer at this stage and he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to take a decision on the legal notice dated 20.10.2021 (Annexure P-20) in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Since the matter is not being decided on merits, the service on respondent No.3 is dispensed with, at this stage.

Heard.

In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 - The Director, Department of Local Government, Punjab - to take a decision on the legal notice dated 20.10.2021 (Annexure P-20) expeditiously, in accordance with law, and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Consequential benefits, if any, be released to the petitioners within a period of three months thereafter.

Disposed off accordingly.

(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

December 14, 2021
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Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO