

[133] IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-26060-2021

Date of Decision :20.12.2021

Lakhdeep Singh and Ors

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. M.S. Sarao, 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 directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with their junior i.e. respondent No.5 in view of instructions, Annexure P/1 dated 22.08.2019 issued by the Punjab Government, Department of Finance and to grant all consequential benefits etc. in respect thereto.

[3] At the outset, learned counsel contends that the petitioners have served legal notice Annexure P/2 dated 25.11.2021 on respondent No.2, in respect of the grievance which is the subject matter of the instant petition but no decision has been taken in respect thereto till date and that in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide legal

notice Annexure P/2 dated 25.11.2021, in accordance with law, in a time

bound manner.

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

[5]. Ms. Anju Arora, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and on perusal of the writ petition states that she has no objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners for issuance of directions to respondent No.2 to decide the claim made in the legal notice, Annexure P/2 dated 25.11.2021.

[6]. In view of the nature of order proposed to be passed, no reply is necessary.

[7]. Accordingly, in view of the position noted above as well as 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.2 to consider and decide the claim made in legal notice Annexure P/2 dated 25.11.2021, in accordance with law after taking into account all aspects of the matter, within four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

20.12.2021

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No.</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>: Yes/No.</i>