

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.6191 of 2022
Date of Decision.25.03.2022
(Heard through VC)

HC/PR Ashok Masih and others

...Petitioners

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

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

Mr. T.V.S. Lehal, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

1. This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the official respondents to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondents No.5 to 17, who are junior to the petitioners, in view of the speaking order dated 17.09.2020 passed by the respondent-department in pursuance to order dated 19.06.2020 passed by this High Court in CWP No.8290 of 2020 titled as *Sukhwinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others*. In this regard, a legal notice dated 17.02.2022 (Annexure P-8) has been given by the petitioners to the official respondents but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

2. Notice of motion to official respondents only.

3. Mr. T.V.S. Lehal, Addl., A.G., Punjab, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, accepts notice for the official respondents and submits that the official respondents will look into the

matter and will take a decision on the legal notice of the petitioners. Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to him during the course of day.

5. Without commenting on merits of the case, I dispose of the instant petition by directing the official respondents to take a decision on the legal notice dated 17.02.2022 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners in accordance with law within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, failing which the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to deposit costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

March 25, 2022

P.Bhatt

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No