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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-8989-2022
Date of Decision: 29.04.2022

MAKHAN SINGH AND ORS. .... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS .... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus for the issuance of direction to respondent department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.8/their junior, especially in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-7) and speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the 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 Versus State of Punjab and others” whereby the similar situated persons have already been granted the aforesaid benefit, and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum. In this regard, a representation/legal notice dated 08.12.2021 (Annexure P-8) has been given by the petitioners to the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

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Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

At this stage, Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and submits that the official respondents will look into the matter and will take a decision on the legal notice/representation of the petitioners.

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Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the official respondents to decide representation/legal notice dated 08.12.2021 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners within a period of six months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and convey the decision to the petitioners. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

29.04.2022 **(JAISHREE THAKUR)**
sanjeev **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No

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