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

CWP-11429-2022

Date of Decision: 25.05.2022

SANTOKH SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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 directing the respondents to count the services rendered by the petitioners as Special Police Officers (SPOs) before their regularization and to grant them all consequential benefits including seniority, fixation of pay, and further to count the SPO service as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits, as the same benefit has already been granted vide judgment judgment dated 15.02.2018 (Annexure P-6) passed in CWP No.9936 of 2017 and judgment dated 01.04.2019 (Annexure P-7) in CWP No.7127 of 2019, 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 09.03.2022 (Annexure P-12) has been given by the petitioners to the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that the respondents will look into the matter and will take a decision on the legal notice/representation of the petitioners.

Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to her during the course of day.

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 09.03.2022 (Annexure P-12) of the petitioners within a period of four 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.

25.05.2022

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No