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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-12572-2022
Date of decision: 01.06.2022

AMRIK SINGH AND ANR

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, 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 a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioners on the post of SPOs as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary/retiral benefits as the same benefits has been granted by this Court to the similarly situated persons in CWP No.9936 of 2017, titled as *Sukhjeet Singh and Others versus State of Punjab and Others*, decided on 15.02.2018 as the same has been complied by the respondent-department vide Annexure P-6.

At this stage, counsel for the petitioners limits his prayer to the extent that the legal notice dated 18.01.2021 (Annexure P-7), served upon the respondents should be decided expeditiously. He would submit that the petitioners would be satisfied in case the said legal notice is decided in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A. G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and submits that the 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 her during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 18.01.2021 (Annexure P-7) of the petitioners within a period of three 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.

01.06.2022
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No