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

CWP-14622-2022

Date of Decision: 12.07.2022

NIRMAL 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 service rendered by the petitioners as Special Police Officers (SPOs) before their regularization and to grant them all consequential benefits including of seniority, fixation of pay, and further to count the SPO service as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits.

At the very outset, counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners restricts his prayer for deciding the representation/legal notice dated 13.04.2022 (Annexure P-12) keeping in view the judgment passed in CWP No.9936 of 2017, dated 15.02.2018 (Annexure P-6) and judgment dated 01.04.2019 (Annexure P-7) passed in CWP No.7127 of 2019. He would submit that the petitioners would be satisfied in case the said representation/legal notice is decided in a time bound manner.

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 representation/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 representation/legal notice dated 13.04.2022 (Annexure P-12) of the petitioners keeping in view the judgment passed in CWP No.9936 of 2017, dated 15.02.2018 (Annexure P-6) and judgment dated 01.04.2019 (Annexure P-7) passed in CWP No.7127 of 2019, 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.

12.07.2022

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No