

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(104)

CWP No. 15815 of 2020

Date of decision : 11.03.2022

Sh. Tejinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Gurjinder Singh Chahal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed with a prayer that the petitioners, who were similarly situated as the petitioners in CWP No. 16446 of 2010, are not being granted the benefits as extended to the petitioners in CWP No. 16446 of 2010, decided on 20.05.2013.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in CWP No. 4382 of 2002 decided on 21.03.2002 titled as **Satbir Singh Vs. State of Haryana**, once a similarly situated employee has been extended the benefit, the same should be extended to others as well and, therefore, respondents were bound to extend the petitioners the benefit for which they were entitled for even as per the pronouncement of this Court in CWP No. 16446 of 2010.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioners have already served respondents with a legal notice dated 10.03.2020 (Annexure

P-8), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the

petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and raises no objection for the grant of prayer as raised in the present petition.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioners, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 10.03.2020 (Annexure P-8) by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

March 11, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? *Yes*

Whether reportable? *No*