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

CWP-16124-2022

Date of Decision: 27.07.2022

TARSEM SINGH AND ORS.

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Krishan Kumar Thakur, Advocate, for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioners as SPOs as qualifying service for all intents and purposes, including grant of all service benefits as well as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits, as the same benefit has been granted by this Court to similarly situated persons vide order dated 15.02.2018 passed in CWP No.9936 of 2017 titled as *Sukhjeet Singh and others Versus State of Punjab and others* (Annexure P-6).

Counsel for the petitioners would submit that in this regard, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 08.04.2022 (Annexure P-10) upon the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon. He would submit that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied in case the said legal notice is decided in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, 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 of the petitioners.

Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to him 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 legal notice dated 08.04.2022 (Annexure P-10) of the petitioners within a period of four months from the date of receipt of 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.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

27.07.2022

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