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

**CWP-18984-2022
Date of decision: 26.08.2022**

SANJAY KUMAR AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Harmanpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Kirti Singh, DAG, Haryana.

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, order or direction in the nature of certiorari, for quashing the action of the respondents forcing the petitioners, who are working on Group-D post, to work for 12 hours and not granting them gazetted holidays against the instructions dated 20.05.1994 (Annexure P-1) and Haryana Civil Services (Leave) Rules, 2016.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners limits her prayer to the extent that the legal notice dated 20.07.2022 (Annexure P-3), served upon the respondents should be decided expeditiously. She 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. Kirti Singh, DAG, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to her during the course of day.

In view of the limited prayer made on behalf of the petitioners, 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 20.07.2022 (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners within a period of four weeks 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 official 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.

26.08.2022
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No