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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-23368-2022
Date of decision: 12.10.2022

CHARANJIT SINGH AND OTHERS

...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 an appropriate, order or direction 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 have been granted by this Court to similarly situated persons vide order dated 15.02.2018 in CWP No.9936 of 2017, titled as *Sukhjeet Singh and others versus State of Punjab and others* (Annexure P-5) and the same has been complied by the respondent-department vide dated 17.12.2018 (Annexure P-6).

At this stage, counsel for the petitioners limits his prayer to the extent that the legal notice dated 14.10.2021 (Annexure P-7), served upon the respondent No.2 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 for 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 her during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 14.10.2021 (Annexure P-7) of the petitioners within a period of four 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, respondent No.2 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.

12.10.2022
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No