

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

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**CWP-28919-2022 (O&M).
Date of decision: 15.12.2022.**

ASI Rajinder Kumar and another

...Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, Advocate for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ. J (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with the respondent No.2 who is junior to the petitioners especially in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-8) and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12%.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners contends that a legal notice dated 28.07.2022 (Annexure P-9) espousing the above grievance has already been submitted by the petitioners to the

respondent authorities and that he would be satisfied in case the respondent authorities are directed to look into the grievance of the petitioners and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon.

A further reference is made to order dated 19.06.2020 passed in CWP No.8290 of 2020 titled as 'Sukhwinder Singh and others Vs State of Punjab and others' which was disposed of by this Court.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and he has no objection to the aforesaid prayer being granted.

Given the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to seek any formal response from the aforesaid respondents.

Accordingly, with the consent of the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to objectively consider the legal notice dated 28.07.2022 (Annexure P-9) and pass a reasoned and speaking order after taking into consideration the letter/instructions issued by the Department from time to time within a period of 04 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

December 15, 2022
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No