

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

CWP-10597-2023

Date of decision : 22.05.2023

Simar Singh and others

..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate
for the petitioners.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India by the petitioner seeking issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant service benefits to the petitioner at par with other selected and appointed candidates in pursuance of the advertisement dated 15.10.2016 (Annexure P-2) as the appointment of the petitioners would relate back to the point of time when other candidates in the same batch had been so selected and appointed as has already been done in case of similar situated persons vide order dated 13.01.2023 (Annexure P-14).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 09.03.2023 (Annexure P-15) in terms of P-14. He submits that at this stage, petitioners would be satisfied, if the said legal notice is decided by passing a speaking order within a time bound frame.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He submits that respondent No.2/competent authority will look into the matter and will take a decision on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice, in accordance with law.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners in the present petition, respondent No.2-Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 09.03.2023 (Annexure P-15) in terms of P-14, in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioners are found entitled, their claim be released within a period of six weeks thereafter. In case, the respondents are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioners merits rejection, the same be adjudicated upon by passing a speaking order after giving an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners within the time as stipulated hereinabove.
7. The petition stands disposed off.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

22.05.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No