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

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Date of Decision: 07.07.2023

Ranjit Singh and others

... Petitioners

V/s.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present : Mr. Brijesh Nandan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA, J.(Oral)

Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India by the petitioners seeking issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents to grant the arrears of four installments of Dearness allowance/relief due 6% from 01.07.2015 to 31.12.2015 for six months, 6% from 01.01.2016 to 31.10.2016 for 10 months 7% from 01.07.2016 to 31.12.2016 for six months and 7% from 01.01.2017 to 31.01.2019 for 25 months, along with interest @ 18% per annum on the delay payment.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners

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are regular employees of respondent No. 2 i.e. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala and are being deprived of their legal claim as they are entitled for payment of Dearness Allowance (DA) announced by the State Government from time to time where the work and conduct of the petitioners are found to be satisfactory and no charge-sheet/ enquiry is pending against the petitioners as per service record. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the petitioners have already raised the said grievance in the legal notice dated 08.04.2023 (Annexure P-7), which is still pending consideration with respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied at this stage, in case a direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, on the asking of the Court, Mr. Anurag Bansal, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1. and Mr. Edward Augustine George, Advocate with Mr. Shivam Malik, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No. 2 and 3 and raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 08.04.2023 in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

In view of the pleadings in the present petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by

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the petitioners in the legal notice, respondent No.2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 08.04.2023 (Annexure P-7), by passing a speaking order within a period of four weeks from the receipt of copy of this order. In case, after the decision of the claim of the petitioners, it is found that the petitioners are entitled to the claim, necessary disbursement of funds shall be made to them within a period of eight weeks thereafter.

The petition stands disposed of.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes /No