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

CWP-15780-2023

Date of decision: 25.07.2023

Bajrang Lal Singla and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab,
for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction, especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the proficiency step up increments on completion of 4 years, 9 years and 14 years of actual service and thereafter, fix the pay along with all the consequential benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that a similar matter has been finally adjudicated by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in LPA No.692 of 2021 and LPA No.1132 of 2021 vide order dated 24.01.2023 (Annexure P-10) and as per the same, necessary relief is to be granted to the petitioners also. It is further submitted that the petitioners had given a legal notice dated 28.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) to the respondent authorities and that the petitioners would be satisfied at this stage, in case,

the respondent authorities are directed to consider the said legal notice dated 28.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) in a time bound manner and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioners are found to be meritorious then to grant necessary relief, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

3. On the other hand, learned State Counsel has submitted that the respondent authorities would consider the said legal notice dated 28.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to the respondent authorities to consider legal notice dated 28.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioners are found to be meritorious, then to grant necessary relief, in accordance with law and in case, the respondent authorities are of the opinion that the pleas raised by the petitioners are not meritorious, then a speaking order rejecting the same be passed within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

5. This Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the respondent authorities would consider the case of the petitioners independently and in accordance with law.

25.07.2023

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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No