

118 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-21978-2023
Date of decision: 03.10.2023

Meharvan Singh and others*Petitioners*

V/s

State of Punjab and others ...*Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Vinay Kumar Pandey, Advocate
for the petitioners.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondent to revise the pay band of the petitioners and grant pay scale at par with the similarly placed employees, as it has been granted to different groups of employees pursuance to Finance Circular 24/2021 dated 01.12.2021 (Annexure P-2).

Learned counsel for the petitioners at the outset prays for deciding the legal notice dated 09.05.2023 (Annexure P-14) served by the peitioners upon respondent No.4 after giving opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, expeditiously by passing a speaking order within a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Gupta, AAG Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 and on receipt of advance copy, Mr. Alok Mittal, Advocate has put in appearance in the

Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent No.4 and have no objection to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

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 the petitioners in the legal notice dated 09.05.2023 (Annexure P-14), respondent No.4 is directed to decide the legal notice after giving opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, by passing a speaking order within a period of 04 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order with a further direction that if the petitioner is found to be entitled to the claim mentioned in the abovesaid legal notice, necessary disbursement of funds shall be made to them within a period of 04 weeks thereafter.

The petition stands disposed of.

03.10.2023
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(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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