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

CWP-27541-2023

Date of decision: 07.12.2023

Jatinder Kumar Khara and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Harish Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ferry Sofat, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the benefit of Dearness Allowance and to revise the subsequent installments of Dearness Allowance in accordance with the installments granted to the Central Government Employees.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioners in the present writ petition, the petitioners had given legal notice dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) and they would be satisfied at this stage, in case, the competent authority of respondent-State of Punjab is directed to consider the said legal notice dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) 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.

3. Learned State Counsel has submitted that the competent authority of respondent-State of Punjab would consider the said legal notice dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to the competent authority of the respondent-State of Punjab to consider legal notice dated 18.09.2023 (Annexure P-8) in accordance with law within a period of four months 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 the competent authority would grant necessary relief, in accordance with law and in case, the competent authority is 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 four months 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 competent authority of respondent-State of Punjab would consider the case of the petitioners independently, in accordance with law.

07.12.2023*Pawan***(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned:-****Yes/No****Whether reportable:-****Yes/No**