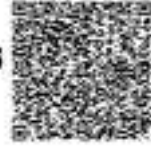


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision: December 09, 2024

SUNPREET SINGH AND ORS

..... Appellants

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

..... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR**

Present: None for the appellants.

Mr. R.S. Pandher, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

1. Prayer in this appeal is for setting aside order dated 01.12.2023 passed by learned Single Bench whereby writ petition filed by present appellants has been dismissed.

2. Appellants (writ petitioners) sought relief of monetary benefits/arrears from respondent – Department alongwith interest at the rate of 12% per annum on the basis of judgment dated 16.01.2015 passed in CWP-22429-2014 (Gurbir Singh and others versus Punjab and Haryana High Court). Learned Single Bench concluded that petitioners were not similarly situated employees as they were appointed in the Department of Industries and

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Commerce as Restorer and were not employees of Punjab and Haryana High Court. Writ petition was accordingly, dismissed.

3. Present appeal has been preferred while placing reliance upon judgment dated 26.04.2017 passed in CWP-18466-2014 (Anuj Kumar Sharma and another vs. State of Punjab) to submit that present appellants are identically situated as the petitioners therein. Taking note of this plea, it was directed vide order dated 20.02.2024 passed in this appeal that an affidavit be filed in this respect as to whether any benefit was granted by the State to writ petitioners in the said case of Anuj Kumar Sharma (supra) and State was also at liberty to file status report.

4. Learned counsel for State on 22.10.2024 furnished a copy of order dated 20.09.2024 which was passed in compliance of order dated 26.04.2017 passed in CWP-18466-2014 i.e. Anuj Kumar Sharma's case (supra). It was stated before us on instructions of Mr. Harinderjit Singh, Deputy Director, Industries & Commerce, Punjab that case of present appellants shall also be considered in the same light.

5. Today, learned counsel for State has furnished copy of order dated 29.11.2024 wherein relief as prayed for by appellants in their writ petition has been afforded to them. Copy of order dated 29.11.2024 is taken on record subject to just exceptions.

6. Today despite the matter being called twice, none appears on behalf of appellants. In the given facts and circumstances, we do not find any justification for continuance of the present proceedings.

7. In view of order dated 29.11.2024, order dated 01.12.2023 is clearly rendered a nullity and is so declared. This appeal is disposed of

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accordingly in view of order dated 29.11.2024. Liberty is afforded to appellants to file appropriate application within four weeks in case of any subsisting grievance.

8. Pending application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

December 09, 2024
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(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No.
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No