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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-15067-1999 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.12.2024

ASHOK BASRA AND ORS.

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

HARYANA POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LTD. AND
OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

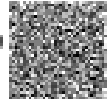
Present:- Ms. Mansi, Advocate as Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners.

Ms. Nikita Goel, Advocate for the respondents.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing Annexure P-9 with a further prayer to direct the respondents to grant the petitioners the scale equivalent to what is being paid to Junior Engineers/other staff re-designated as Junior Engineers and who were working under the supervision and control of Assistant Chemists along with consequential benefits of fixation of pay in the appropriate scales with effect from the date of appointment of the petitioners as Assistant Chemists and also to release arrears along with interest.

2. Learned Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners submitted that despite best efforts and even after obtaining the phone numbers and addresses

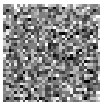


of the petitioners from the respondent-department as per the order dated 06.11.2024, none of the petitioners could be contacted nor any response has been received from them.

3. Learned Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners further submitted that the prayer in the present writ petition is for grant of equivalence of pay scale to the petitioners of that of Assistant Chemists, who are the petitioners to be equated with that of Junior Engineers.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents submitted that all the petitioners have already retired and the present writ petition is of the year 1999, which is about 25 years old and the respondent-department has already supplied the last available details of the phone numbers and addresses of the petitioners to the learned Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners. She further submitted that considering the aforesaid facts and circumstances that the petitioners have now retired and they are not wanting to pursue the case further, the present writ petition may be dismissed.

5. After hearing learned counsels for the parties, this Court is of the considered view that on 06.11.2024, this Court had rather appointed a Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners and the learned counsel for the respondent-department was also directed to provide the details and addresses of the petitioners to the learned Legal Aid Counsel in order to enable her to seek instructions but today the learned Legal Aid Counsel for the petitioners submitted that despite her best efforts, she was not able to contact the petitioners either through the addresses or through the phone numbers.



6. The present writ petition is of the year 1999, which is about 25 years old and the prayer in the writ petition is for grant of equivalence of pay scale to the petitioners.
7. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the present writ petition is hereby dismissed.
8. However, in case any cause of action still survives and the petitioners want to pursue their cause, then they shall be at liberty to move an appropriate application for revival of the present writ petition.

10.12.2024
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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