

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-5936-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.03.2024

Dheeraj Puri and Others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr, Kapil Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioners

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the same pay scale as is being given to the Data Entry Operators/Accountants/MIS Co-ordinators.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners, who are working as Data Entry Operators/Accountants/MIS Co-ordinators in the Block Primary Education Offices, when posted in the District Education Offices are paid higher salary of Rs.33,480/-, however, in Block Primary Education Offices, they get Rs.29,520/-. This disparity has been brought to the notice by the Block Primary Education Officer of all the districts, copy of District Jalandhar dated 16.02.2021, has been appended as Annexure P-5, to District Education Officer, also observing therein that there is no letter that have been issued by the Head Office or District Office for reduction of salary and requested to remove the difference of salary of employees working on the same post as also to release the funds related to low salary of employees working in Block level, however, no action has been taken by the authorities. In this regard, a legal notice dated 27.10.2023, Annexure P-10, has

been served upon respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioners are sanguine of it being considered in a positive manner, in case, a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner by granting them an opportunity of hearing.

3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.
5. In view of the aforesaid and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondents to consider and decide the legal notice dated 27.10.2023, Annexure P-10, taking note of the aforesaid submissions as also the letter dated 16.02.2021, Annexure P-5, within a period of 4 months and if found entitled, necessary benefits be granted to the petitioners forthwith.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

14.03.2024
M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes / No

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Yes / No