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

(119)

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Date of decision: - 24.05.2024

Khushpal Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Amrik Singh, for the petitioners.

Mr. TPS Walia, AAG, 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 fix the correct pay of the petitioners in the revised pay scale notified vide notification dated 05.07.2021 (Annexure P-2) by giving them the benefit of ACP according to the instructions dated 03.11.2006 (Annexure P-4). Other prayers have been also been made in the petition.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioners, the petitioners had given a legal notice dated 15.04.2024 (Annexure P-6) and at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied, in case, the competent authority of respondent No.1-State considers the said legal notice qua them, in accordance with law, within a specified time frame and in case, the pleas raised by the petitioners are found to be meritorious, then, grant the appropriate relief

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to the petitioners.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents-State has submitted that the competent authority of respondent No.1-State would consider the said legal notice dated 15.04.2024 (Annexure P-6), qua the petitioners, in accordance with law and the same would be done within a period of three months from the date of certified copy of this order.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to the competent authority of respondent No.1-State to consider the legal notice dated 15.04.2024 (Annexure P-6), qua the petitioners, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order and in case, the competent authority of respondent No.1-State is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioners are meritorious, then, the appropriate relief be granted to the petitioners, as expeditiously as possible. In case, the competent authority of respondent No.1-State is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioners are meritless, then, a speaking order rejecting the claim be passed within the aforesaid period of three months.

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the competent authority of respondent No.1-State would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

May 24, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No