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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-20699-2024

Date of decision: 27.08.2024

RANDHIR SINGH AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Deepak Girotra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant one notional annual increment to the petitioners, who were entitled for grant of annual increment on 1st July of the respective year and retired prior to 1st July of the respective year and had completed more than 6 months of service and have not been granted the annual increment with a further prayer to direct the respondents to grant one notional annual increment to the petitioners on proportionate basis and thereupon revise/re-fix the pension along with all consequential benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioners had served a legal notice dated 25.05.2024 (Annexure P-11) to respondents No.2 to 6 but the same has not been considered and decided till date. He further



submitted that at this stage, the petitioners will be satisfied in case the aforesaid legal notice dated 25.05.2024 (Annexure P-11) is considered and decided by respondent No.2 to 6 in accordance with law and in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.
4. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents. She submitted that in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, she has no objection in case a time bound direction is issued in this regard.
5. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, without calling for the reply from the respondents and without expressing anything on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Managing Director, Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited, Panchkula/competent authority to consider and decide the legal notice dated 25.05.2024 (Annexure P-11) strictly in accordance with law and within a period of three months from today. In case the petitioners are found entitled for grant of aforesaid benefits, then the same shall be granted to the petitioners, within a period of three months thereafter.

27.08.2024
Chetan Thakur

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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