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CHANDIGARH**

CWP-16828-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.08.2024

Gurpartap Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar Goklaney, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU. J.

Present writ petition has been filed, under Article 226 of the Constitution, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant one notional increment to the petitioners.

2. Notice of motion.

3. On the asking of the Court, Mr. T.P.S Walia, learned AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

4. Learned counsel for petitioners does not press the petition qua Petitioner No.3-Veena Sethi.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. Learned State counsel has produced a copy of communication dated 12.08.2024 which is taken on record and marked as "X". Copy thereof has been supplied to the other side. For reference, relevant part of the aforesaid communication reads as under:-

"3. That, therefore, in pursuance to the above government instructions, it is submitted as given below:-



a). Sh. Gurpartap Singh, Superintendent Grade-II (Retired) has been granted benefit of one notional annual increment on 01.05.2024 vide Superintending Engineer Ferozepur Canal Circle, WRD Ferozepur Letter No. 3789-3803/PF dated 23.07.2024 (Copy attached) and revised Pension case has been sent to Accountant General, Punjab Chandigarh vide this office letter No. 3902-03/PF dated 24.07.2024 (Copy attached) for sanction.

b).Sh. Neerja Kapoor, Senior Assistant (Retired) has been granted benefit of one notional annual increment on 01.01.2017 vide Superintending Engineer Ferozepur Canal Circle, WRD Ferozepur Letter No. 3805-10/PF dated 23.07.2024 (Copy attached) and revised Pension case has been sent to Accountant General, Punjab Chandigarh vide this office letter No. 3904-05/PF dated 24.07.2024 (Copy attached) for sanction.

c) Smt. Veena Sethi, Senior Assistant (Retired) is not eligible for grant of one annual increment on date of retirement because she has not completed full one year eligible service on the date of her retirement. Her date of annual increment is 01.02.2010 and date of retirement is 30.04.2010. The next annual increment was due on 01.02.2011, however she got retired from service earlier.”

A perusal of the aforesaid extract clearly reveals that the desired relief has been granted to petitioners No.1 & 2.

7. In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioners does not press the petition.

8. Ordered accordingly.

9. Needless to say that necessary exercise in terms of the aforesaid communication be carried out by the quarter concerned, expeditiously, in accordance with law, preferably within three months from today.



Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

22.08.2024
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No