

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

(221)

CWP-23598-2017

Date of decision: - 30.01.2024

Sital Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Lakhwinder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Kunal Muthreja, AAG, Punjab

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the benefit of minimum regular pay-scale for the post on which the petitioners were working.

2. The case of the petitioners is that they were working as Pump Operators, Mali-cum-Chowkidar, Fitter Coolie, Store Keeper, Fitter Helpers etc. in the Water Supply and Sanitation Department on regular basis and they were appointed initially on daily wages basis at the rates fixed by the concerned Deputy Commissioner for skilled and semi-skilled workers. The grievance of the petitioners is that from the date of their initial joining till the date of their regularization, they were being paid daily wages as fixed by the concerned Deputy Commissioner, whereas,

they were entitled to their wages at par with the minimum pay scale with grade pay and allowances as granted to the regularly engaged government employees holding the same post.

3. On 18.01.2024, on the objection raised by learned State counsel, this Court was pleased to pass the following order: -

“Learned State counsel has submitted that inadvertently on the last date, reference has been made to an order passed in the writ petition which was not connected with the issue in question, whereas the issue in the present case is squarely covered by the decision of the coordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-25984-2015 and other connected matters pronounced on 13.04.2023.

Learned counsel for the petitioners prays for a short adjournment to get instructions in the matter.

Adjourned to 30.01.2024.

To be taken up at 12:00 noon.

It is made clear that no further adjournment would be granted.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

January 18, 2024”

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners, in pursuance of the above-said order, has fairly submitted that case of the present petitioners is squarely covered by the judgment of a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court passed in case titled as “**Rajinder Pal and others Vs. State of Punjab and another**”, passed in CWP-25984-2015 and other connected matters, pronounced on 13.04.2023, vide which, all the writ petitions filed by the petitioners therein, who are similarly situated as the present petitioners, had been dismissed.

5. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances and the fact that it is not in dispute that the issue raised in the present writ

petition is squarely covered by the judgment of the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in ***Rajinder Pal's case (supra)***, vide which all the writ petitions filed by similarly situated persons were dismissed, the present writ petition is also dismissed in the same terms.

January 30, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No