

**CWP-21165-2024****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****(135)****CWP-21165-2024****Date of Decision : August 29, 2024****Harjinder Singh and others****.. Petitioners****Versus****State of Punjab and others****.. Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI****Present: Ms. Kriteka Sheokand, Advocate, for the petitioners.****Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.****HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

1. In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioners is that the petitioners were posted in Samana, District Patiala and the house rent admissible for the employees working therein, was enhanced from 8% to 12.5% w.e.f. 01.01.2012 but the petitioners were only paid House Rent Allowance @ 8%, which is arbitrary and illegal and therefore, the respondents are liable to be directed to grant the petitioners the benefit of HRA, who were working in Samana City, District Patiala @ 12.5% from 01.01.2012 along with arrears and interest.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the grievance raised in the present petition has already been raised by the petitioners in the representation dated 01.08.2024 (Annexure P-9) which is

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still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners will be satisfied at this stage in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

5. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case the representation dated 01.08.2024 (Annexure P-9) has been received in the office of the concerned authorities and the same is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned, the same will be decided by the competent authority within a period of eight weeks from the date of the receipt of certified copy of this order by passing an appropriate speaking order and in case, after the decision any relief is to be extended to the petitioners, the same will be extended, otherwise due reasons will be mentioned in the speaking order to be passed for not accepting the claim of the petitioners for their information and necessary action.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement of learned State counsel, the present writ petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

7. Ordered accordingly.

August 29, 2024
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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