



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

CWP-31257 of 2024

Date of decision: 20.11.2024

Mandeep Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate, and
Mr. Ajay Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

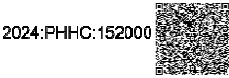
Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Advocate,
for respondent No.2.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. This writ petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for calling the record of impugned finance circular dated 14.02.2024 (Annexure P-6) and to set aside the same to the extent that the initial pay of thermal cadre employees of group No.13 should be made at par with the Junior Engineer of group No.15 as both the categories of employees had been in the same pay scales having same qualification and nature of work and consequently further directing the respondents to refix the pay of the petitioners accordingly and to release the arrears of pay with interest @ 18% from the date of its accrual till actual realization.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that one of the points raised in the present writ petition is that aggrieved against the finance circular dated 14.02.2024 (Annexure P-6), petitioners



approached respondent No.2 by way of filing representation. However, the same has been ordered to be filed vide order dated 21.06.2024 (Annexure P-8) passed by Deputy Secretary, PSPCL, Patiala. He submits that the order dated 21.06.2024 (Annexure P-8) is non-speaking and cryptic as no reasons have been assigned to file the representation.

- 3. Notice of motion.
- 4. Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has fairly conceded that order dated 21.06.2024 (Annexure P-8) is non-speaking and cryptic and has no objection to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners to pass fresh speaking order on the representation of the petitioners.
- 5. In view of the above, without commenting on the merits of the case, present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to re-consider the matter and pass a speaking order on the representation of the petitioners, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

20.11.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether Reportable

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Yes/No