

CWP-21127-2025
Date of Decision: 25.07.2025

PARGAT SINGH AND ANOTHER .. PETITIONERS
VS.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS .. RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR

Present: Mr. Narinder Pal Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioners.

ROHIT KAPOOR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioners for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant proficiency step ups on the completion of 4, 9 and 14 years of regular service in the cadre of Pump Operators under the ACP scheme from the date when benefits of the same have been granted to their juniors and make the payment of arrears alongwith interest.
2. Notice of motion.
3. Mr. Puru Jarewal, DAG, Punjab, Advocate appears on behalf of the respondent No.1; Mr. Maninder Singh, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 2 and 3 and waives service.
4. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that legal notice dated 28.04.2025 (Annexure P-7) was decided vide letter/order dated 14.07.2025 (Annexure P-8) without giving due opportunity of hearing and without passing a detailed and reasoned speaking order.

5. In view thereof, without commenting anything upon the claim raised by the petitioners, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 28.04.2025 (Annexure P-7), afresh by giving due opportunity of hearing and by passing a detailed and reasoned speaking order.

6. Let needful be done within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

7. Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

25.07.2025
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(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

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