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AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-23962-2025

Date of Decision: 20.08.2025

Satnam Singh and Others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking direction to respondent to fix their pay in ACP Scale of Rs.3120-6200/- w.e.f. 01.01.1996 as per notification dated 25.09.1998 and release arrears alongwith interest.

2. The petitioners joined Punjab Police as Constables on different dates. They were granted ORP (Own Rank and Pay) of Head Constables. They retired as Constables. Their colleagues filed ***CWP No.5593 of 2013*** before this Court seeking fixation of their pay in ACP Scale of Rs.3120-6200/- w.e.f. 01.01.1996. The said petition was disposed of vide order dated 06.12.2019 in terms of directions issued in ***CWP No.23667 of 2017*** titled as '***Sukhjeet Singh and Others Versus State of Punjab and Another***', decided on 30.01.2019. Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Sangrur passed order dated 20.04.2020

implementing orders dated 06.12.2019 passed by this Court. The petitioners claim that their case is squarely covered by judgment of this Court in ***CWP No.3946 of 2014*** titled as '***Ram Shah and Others Versus State of Punjab and Others***' decided on 06.12.2019.

3. On being asked reason of inordinate delay, Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate submits that it was duty of respondent to implement its decision dated 25.09.1998 uniformly. This Court dismissed writ petition of few similarly situated employees who had approached this Court after inordinate delay. They preferred ***LPA No.645 of 2014*** which was allowed by a Division Bench with an observation that such persons would be entitled to revision of pay from prospective effect. In view of observations of Division Bench, Single Judge vide order dated 06.12.2019 allowed a bunch of writ petitions including ***CWP No.3946 of 2014*** titled as '***Ram Shah and Others*** (supra). In the order dated 06.12.2019, it was made clear that petitioners shall not be entitled to arrears.

4. Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab expressed his inability to controvert claim of the petitioners on merits, however, submits that there is inordinate delay on the part of petitioners.

5. On being confronted with order dated 06.12.2019 passed by this Court in ***CWP No.5593 of 2013*** and order dated 11.05.2016 passed by Division Bench in ***Ram Shah and Others*** (supra), Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab submits that petitioners may not be granted arrears.

6. In the wake of statement of both sides, the petition stands ***disposed of*** with a direction to respondents to consider claim of petitioners for revision of pay/pension prospectively. Let the needful be

done with six months from today. The respondent shall take care of order dated 20.04.2020 (Annexure P-8) while passing order.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

20.08.2025
Prince Chawla

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No