



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

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CWP-20058-2016

Date of decision: 15.01.2026

Surinder Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present : Mr. R.K. Arora, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Jugam Arora, Advocate and
Mr. J.S. Bhogal, Advocate
for petitioners No.1 to 4.

Ms. Amandeep Kaur, Advocate
for petitioner No.5.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the benefit of higher pay scale/emoluments of the higher post of Horticulture Development Officers/equivalent post on account of officiating charge/posting of the petitioners on these posts in view of the settled law and as per Government instructions dated 20.07.2011 (Annexure P-9) and 23.04.2012 (Annexure P-10) and as allowed qua similarly placed persons in different departments of the State, vide orders dated 11.04.2013, 06.06.2013 and 14.10.2013 (Annexures P-11 to P-13 respectively).

2. Learned senior counsel appearing for petitioners No.1 to 4 and learned counsel for petitioner No.5 submit that during the pendency of the present petition, all the petitioners except petitioner No.3 have retired from service and petitioners No.3 and 5 may be given liberty to make a representation to the department for the subsisting grievance and the same may be ordered to be considered in a time bound manner.
3. Learned State counsel does not oppose the contention raised above.
4. If any such representation is submitted by petitioners No.3 and 5 within a period of one month from today, the same shall be considered and disposed of by the competent authority within a period of three months thereafter.
5. Disposed of in the above terms.

15.01.2026

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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