

2025:PHHC:040910



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-8325-2025 (O & M)  
Date of decision: 25.03.2025

Merrick Garg and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Fateh Singh Dhillon, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

1. Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to remove the anomaly created due to the implementation of the recommendations of the 4<sup>th</sup> Pay Commission amongst the post of SDE/SDO, Assistant Mechanical Engineer, Works Manager, Assistant Divisional Manager (Store & Purchase) and Stock Verification Officer, in the Department of Transport and consequently grant the pay scale of Rs.15600-39100+5400 Grade Pay with an initial starting of Rs.21,000/- to the petitioners, alongwith 2 extra increments.

2. Learned counsel submits that case of the petitioners is squarely covered by the judgment passed by this Court in the lead case being CWP-3928-2002, **Harnek Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others**, decided on 18.01.2025 , Annexure P-15, and that their case be also considered in terms thereof, regarding which a legal notice dated

25.01.2025, Annexure P-16, has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He, on instructions, prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same keeping in view the abovesaid judgment, in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

3. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 25.01.2025, Annexure P-16, taking note of the afore-judgment, within a period of 4 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to them and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

25.03.2025

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**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No