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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-11009-2020
Date of decision: 31.7.2020

Balraj Singh and othersPetitioners.

vs.

State of Punjab and othersRespondents.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Ranjinder Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners in this case are Junior Assistants in the service of the State of Punjab. They claim to have been appointed between the years 1997 and 2001. By way of this petition, they seek stepping-up of their pay on par with their juniors, who were given more pay on account of ACP benefits. Their legal notice dated 10.2.2020 failed to evoke any response, constraining them to approach this Court.

As the authorities concerned are yet to apply their mind to the grievance of the petitioners and take a decision thereon, no cause is made out to entertain this writ petition for adjudication on merits.

This Court is informed that similarly situated employees filed *CWP-23398-2019*, titled 'Rajnish Kumar Arora and others vs. State of Punjab and another', and pursuant to the directions therein, *vide* order dated 29.8.2019, their claims were considered favourably.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the respondents to consider the grievance of the petitioners, as put forth in their legal notice dated 10.2.2020, and take appropriate action

thereon on own merits in accordance with law. This exercise shall be completely expeditiously and in any event, not later than three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

**(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE**

31.7.2020

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