

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP-16781-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 31.08.2021**

Anju Bala & Ors.

... Petitioners

VS.

Punjabi University & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Dixit Garg, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. HS Baath, Advocate for the respondents

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioners have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a direction to the official respondents to pay/release the arrears of pending DA increased from time to time w.e.f. 01.07.2013 to 28.02.2015; arrears of IR for the month of January, 2017 and LTC; and such other benefits consequent upon their promotions, along with interest.

In this regard, counsel submits that for same/similar grievance, the petitioners had served a legal notice upon the official respondents on 29.07.2021 (P8) and as such a direction is sought to decide the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. HS Baath, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents, through video conferencing.

In view of the above and without commenting on merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent

authority, to consider the claim of the petitioners as raised in the legal notice (P8) and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of seven months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case the claim of the petitioner(s) is accepted, the necessary benefit accruing therefrom be disbursed to the petitioner(s), positively within one month from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

31.08.2021

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No