

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

CWP No.11517 of 2015
Date of decision: 22.07.2015

Bhupinder Pal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

ARUN PALLI J. (Oral)

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, so as to direct the respondents to consider and promote the petitioner to the post of Head Constable for which he was considered by the department in the year 1995 and thereafter his promotion was cancelled in the year 2004, as a criminal case pursuant to an FIR No.25, dated 03.05.2001, under the Prevention of Corruption Act, was registered against the petitioner. It is averred that the petitioner has since been acquitted of the criminal charges, vide order dated 12.12.2011 (Annexure P1), and reinstated in service vide order dated 12.11.2012 (Annexure P2), he is entitled to be released all the annual increments, that were withheld by the respondent-department in 2001. It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, petitioner had even represented to

respondent No.3, as regards his grievance vide separate representations of an even date i.e. 18.11.2014 (Annexures P3, P4 & P5). But with no tangible result.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that let this petition, at this stage, be disposed of only with a direction to respondent No.3, to consider and decide the representations (Annexures P3, P4 & P5), submitted by the petitioner, within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merit, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in his representations dated 18.11.2014 (Annexures P3, P4 & P5), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed, assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

July 22, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge