

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

CWP No.25118 of 2014
Date of decision: 16.07.2015

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... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, 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 afford the petitioner the benefit of proficiency step up on completion of 24 years of service under the ACP scheme dated 25.09.1998 from the due date along with consequential benefits. It is maintained that prior to the institution of this petition, the respondents were even served upon a legal notice dated 06.01.2014 (Annexure P3). But to no avail.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that let this petition, at this stage, be disposed of only with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the notice (Annexure P3), served by the petitioner, within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merit, particularly as regards the issue of delay and laches, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in his legal notice dated 06.01.2014 (Annexure P3), 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 16 2015
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(Arun Palli)
Judge