

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

CWP No.7081 of 2015
Date of decision: 21.04.2015

Satpal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. K.S. Dadwal, 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, directing the respondents to fix the seniority of the petitioner as per his initial appointment in the wake of the decision rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Ajit Singh Janjua and others (II) v. State of Punjab and others, (1999)7 SCC 209. It is maintained that a similar benefit has already been afforded by the department to the employees, who are identically situated and circumstanced as the petitioner. So much so, respondents were even served upon a legal notice dated 27.02.2015 (Annexure P3). But the same has failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to

respondents No.1 & 2, to consider and decide the legal notice served by the petitioner within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits and also as regards the question of delay and limitation, if any, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.1 & 2, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in the legal notice dated 27.02.2015 (Annexure P3), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 3 months from the date of 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.

April 21, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge