

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

Sr. No.111

Civil Writ Petition No. 23985 of 2017
DECIDED ON: October 25, 2017

GURNAIK SINGH AND OTHERS

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Through the instant civil writ petition preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioners have sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents to decide the claim of the petitioners contained in their representation (P-5 colly) and legal notice dated 21.08.2017 (P-6) regarding stepping up of pay of the petitioners equal to their juniors belonging to Scheduled Caste in the concerned cadre in terms of Punjab Government Circular letter No.8/5/15-3P.P.1/42 dated 14.03.2017 as well as further to grant interest @ 18%.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that various representations were made including legal notice dated 21.08.2017 (P-6) was issued to the respondents but no final decision has been taken by the concerned authorities till date.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that they feel satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondents to decide legal notice dated 21.08.2017 (P-6) in a time bound manner.

4. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in the legal notice dated 21.08.2017 (P-6) and take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

5. However, in case, petitioners still feel aggrieved of the order passed by concerned authority, they shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

October 25, 2017

Ankur

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable**

**Yes
Yes/No**