

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

**CWP No. 7116 of 2017 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 05.04.2017**

**JAGJIT SINGH SOHAL**

**... Petitioner**

**V/s.**

**PUNJAB SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD AND ANOTHER**

**... Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH**

Present: Mr. D.S. Rawat, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**KULDIP SINGH, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner has preferred this writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ of mandamus for directing the respondents to revise the pay and pension of the petitioner, who belong to the General category (Seniority No. 27), by stepping up his pay at par with his Junior Scheduled Caste category employee Smt. Paviter Pal Kaur (Seniority No. 34) in the cadre of Deputy Director, alongwith all consequential benefits with interest.

The prayer of the petitioner, who belong to the general category, is for stepping up his pay at par with his junior Smt. Paviter Pal Kaur, Deputy Director, who belong to the scheduled caste category. It is contended that some of the employees were also granted the said benefit of stepping up of their pay vide order dated 15.05.2014 (*Annexure P-3*). However, the same benefit has not been granted to the petitioner.

It comes out that the petitioner has served a legal notice dated 14.12.2016 (*Annexure P-4*) addressed to the respondents. Now, the short

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prayer of the petitioner is that respondent No. 2 may be directed to decide the aforesaid legal notice of the petitioner within a specific time frame.

In the circumstances, without issuing notice to the respondents the present writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No. 2 to decide the aforementioned legal notice dated 14.12.2016 (*Annexure P-4*) of the petitioner by passing a speaking order within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

**April 5, 2017**  
Suresh Kumar

**(KULDIP SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

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| <b><i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i></b> | <b>:</b> | <b><i>Yes</i></b> | <b><i>No</i></b> |
|                                           |          |                   | ✓                |
| <b><i>Whether Reportable</i></b>          | <b>:</b> | <b><i>Yes</i></b> | <b><i>No</i></b> |