

**CWP No. 14367 of 2018
DECIDED ON: JULY 06, 2018**

BALJIT SINGH AND ORS

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

Through the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioners have sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant them the benefit of proficiency step up along-with consequential benefits including pension after taking account service rendered by them in Classic & Vernacular pay scale and extend benefit as has been granted in CWP No. 16095 of 2012, Baldev Singh & others vs. State of Punjab and others; decided on 16.05.2016 (P-16, which has been implemented vide order dated 21.09.2017 (P-18) especially in view of settled proposition of law in Satbir Singh & others vs. State of Haryana, 2002 (2) SCT 354 DB, wherein, it has been held that similarly situated persons should be granted the benefits of its own by State and also in

view of instructions issued by the State of Punjab on 17.07.2002 (P-19) issued in compliance thereof, along-with interest @18% per annum.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that though a legal notice dated 26.02.2018 (P-17) was duly served upon the respondents but till date neither any reply to the said notice has been received nor any final decision has been taken on the said notice, despite the fact that a period of more than 04 months has elapsed. He further submits that he feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondents to decide the afore-said legal notice (P-17) in a time bound manner.

3. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in the legal notice dated 26.02.2018 (P-17) and to take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order considering all the facts narrated in the aforesaid legal notice within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

5. However, if petitioners still feel aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, they shall be at liberty to have recourse to other remedies available under law including to approach this Court.

JULY 06, 2018**sham****(JASPAL SINGH)****JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No****Whether reportable Yes/No**