

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

Sr. No.112

Civil Writ Petition No.17903 of 2018
DECIDED ON: August 14, 2018

GURJIT SINGH AND OTHERS

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, 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 issuance of a writ especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to step up the pay and all the consequential benefits like seniority, pay etc. of the petitioners to bring it at par with their junior employees who were promoted on 03.02.2010 but has been granted the benefit of regular pay scale w.e.f. 03.07.1987 vide order dated 01.06.2016 and since petitioners who were senior employees to them in the feeder cadre as well as at the cadre of Sub Divisional Engineer they were entitled for stepping up their pay/pension to bring it at par with their junior employees and arrears as paid to their junior employees vide order dated 01.06.2016.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that though a legal notice was made to the respondents on 01.03.2018 (P-7) but till date neither any reply to the said legal notice has been received nor any final order has been passed by the respondents. He further submits that they feel satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the above said legal notice (P-7), in a time bound manner.

3. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Chief Engineer (HQ), Public Works Department (B&R Branch), C- Block, Mini Secretariat, Patiala to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 01.03.2018 (P-7) and to take conscious decision by passing a speaking order considering all the facts narrated in the aforesaid legal notice, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case, competent authorities comes to the conclusion that petitioners are entitled to the relief (s) claimed, same be released to them within a period of next 45 days.

4. However, if petitioners still feel aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, they shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

August 14, 2018

Ankur

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable**

**Yes
Yes/No**