

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

(141)

**Civil Writ Petition No.19723 of 2018
Decided on : 20.08.2018**

Gulshan Sharma @ Gulshan Kumari

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : Mr. Rajeev Dev Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The present petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for seeking directions to the respondents to release/disburse the annual increment to the petitioner which was due to her on February 2017.

Counsel submits that the petitioner had been promoted from Clerk to Inspector/Senior Assistant vide order dated 30.12.2016 (Annexure P-1) and thereafter transferred to the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar. She was, thereafter, transferred back to Municipal Corporation, Pathankot, vide office order dated 30.11.2017 (Annexure P-3) from where she retired on 31.12.2017 (Annexure P-4) as Inspector.

It is submitted that an annual increment is due, which has not been granted to her and a representation dated 15.01.2018 (Annexure P-5) as such has been given to respondent No.4, which is still pending consideration. Counsel further submits that he would be satisfied if a time bound decision is taken on the said representation by the said respondent.

Keeping in view the above, no useful purpose will be served by calling upon the respondents and to file reply, since the decision making process is not complete.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case or the entitlement of the petitioner, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.4/5 to take a decision on the representation dated 15.01.2018 (Annexure P-5) within a period of two months from the receipt of the certified copy of this order. In case the amount is due, the same be paid to the petitioner within a period of three months, thereafter and consequential benefits for the purposes of her pension etc. In case, the amount is not to be paid, the respondent No.4/5 shall pass a speaking order and communicate the same to the petitioner.

Disposed of.

AUGUST 20, 2018
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No