

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-7107-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.03.2019

Sanjeev Kumar

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Prateek Pandit, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

As per pleadings on record petitioner was recruited to the post of Junior Engineer on contractual basis in the Punjab Health Systems Corporation on 1.12.2009. The Govt. of Punjab w.e.f. 1.12.2011 revised the pay scale of Junior Engineers from 10,300-34,800+3800 (Grade Pay) to 10,300-34,800+4800 (Grade Pay). Services of the petitioner were regularized on completion of 3 years of contractual service vide order dated 1.1.2013.

Counsel submits that the State Govt. vide letter dated 29.2.2015 granted permission for revising the pay scale of the employees working in the Punjab Health Systems Corporation including that of Junior Engineers w.e.f. 1.12.2011. Thereafter, the Corporation issued order dated 11.3.2016 containing a decision that pay scale of Junior Engineers would be revised w.e.f. 1.12.2011 but the financial benefits would be accorded w.e.f. 1.3.2016.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that till date the revised pay scale of 10,300-34,800+4800 (Grade Pay) has not been released to the petitioner and he continues to draw his salary in the unrevised pay scale.

Counsel submits that even repeated representations followed by a legal notice have been issued but no response has been evoked. He prays that he would be satisfied, if, directions were to be issued to the concerned respondent authority for a decision to be taken on the legal notice dated 20.3.2018 (Annexure P-10) within a stipulated time frame.

Prayer made by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even going into the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the same with a direction to respondent no.2 to consider the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 20.3.2018 (Annexure P-10) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

26.03.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No