

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

**CWP No. 11579 of 2019
Date of Decision : 03.05.2019**

Purushotam Lal Garg

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sandeep Panwar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that he is getting lower pay as compared to his juniors Sh. Suraj Bhan and K.B. Narang, who were granted higher pay by an order dated 29.12.2017 (Annexure P-6).

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that even the Government had written a letter dated 06.08.2018 (Annexure P-8) to the Engineer-in-Chief for fixing the pay of the employees, who were senior to Suraj Bhan, equivalent to the pay given to him. In compliance of the said direction, Engineer-in-Chief passed an order dated 15.01.2019 (Annexure P-9) granting the petitioner herein higher pay i.e. equivalent to Suraj Bhan. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the said order is not being implemented by the respondents on the ground that the Finance Department has not approved the said grant of higher pay so far.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that the petitioner has served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 30.01.2019 (Annexure P-12) for implementation of the order dated 15.01.2019 (Annexure P-9) and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice by passing a speaking order.

Without going into the merits of the case or expressing any opinion to the entitlement of the petitioner in respect of the relief claimed in the present writ petition or in the legal notice, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pass an appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 30.01.2019 (Annexure P-12) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

May 03, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable? *Yes/No*