

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 13879 of 2019

Date of Decision : 23.05.2019

Smt. Mohinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala

...Respondent

**CORAM:** *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: None for the petitioner.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)**

In the present writ petition, the claim which is being made by the petitioner, is for the step up of her pay equivalent to her junior, namely, Ms. Pushpa Devi, who though was junior to the petitioner in the Cadre of Clerk but was granted promotion in preference to her by granting the benefit of reservation.

From the pleadings it transpires that Govt. of Punjab had issued Instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-1) for stepping up of the pay of the General Category senior employees equivalent to that of Reserve Category candidates, who were granted promotion in preference to her and the said Instructions have been duly adopted by the University in their meeting held on 23.12.2017 and, therefore, counsel argues that petitioner is entitled for the step up of her pay equivalent to that of Ms. Pushpa Devi.

From the record, it transpires that petitioner has served the

respondents with a legal notice dated 26.11.2018 (Annexure P-8), which is still pending consideration with the respondents.

In the facts and circumstances of this case, the interest of justice will be served in case a time bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the legal notice of the petitioner dated 26.11.2018 (Annexure P-8) by passing an appropriate 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 petitioners in the legal notice dated 26.11.2018 (Annexure P-8) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case after the order, it is found by the respondents that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefits, the same should also be released to her within a period of next three months.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

**May 23, 2019**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

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