

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

**CWP-19136-2019**

**Date of decision: - 17.07.2019**

**Mukandi Lal**

**....Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**.....Respondents**

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

Present:- Ms. Riti Aggarwal, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)**

Counsel for the petitioner argues that respondent No.5, namely, Sh. Gurdev Singh, who was junior to the petitioner in the cadre of Clerk and only on the basis of reservation, he was promoted as an Assistant on 07.03.1986, whereas, petitioner was promoted as an Assistant in the year 1987 and therefore, keeping in view the instructions dated 22.10.1999, petitioner was entitled for the step up of his pay to equivalent to his junior, namely, Sh. Gurdev Singh.

Counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been sought in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice on 20.12.2018 (Annexure P-5), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be

satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said legal notice.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 20.12.2018 (Annexure P-5) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

**( HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI )  
JUDGE**

**July 17, 2019**  
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| Whether reasoned/speaking? | Yes |
| Whether reportable?        | No  |