

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

CWP-24560 of 2019

Date of decision: 05.09.2019

Anil Kumar and others

.... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Harinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that vide notification dated 20.02.1999/10.03.1999 (Annexure P/4), the selection grade to the post of lecturer in the pay scale of 12000-18300 was given w.e.f. 1.1.1996 by the Government of Punjab. The selection grade is to be given to the employees, who have completed five years in the senior scale and all the petitioners have completed the said period of five years starting from year 1994 onwards till 1996 but the benefit of the said selection grade has not been given to them immediately after completion of period of five years as required under the rules. The grant of selection grade to the petitioner in the cadre of lecturer from the year 1998 is contrary to the notification dated 20.02.1999/10.03.1999 (Annexure P/4) issued by the Government of Punjab, by which the benefit of selection grade has been given w.e.f. 1.1.1996. Prayer of the petitioners is that the respondents be directed to grant benefit of selection grade on completion of

five years as required under the statutory rules in view of the notification (Annexure P/4).

Counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have served the respondents with legal notice dated 15.05.2019 (Annexure P/11), which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioners 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 petitioners, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 15.05.2019 (Annexure P/11) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/non-speaking? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |