

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

CWP-26216-2019

Date of decision : 17.09.2019

Suman Bala and others

..Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr. P.K.Goklaney, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioners, herein, seek issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to step up the pay of senior teachers as equal to junior teachers, as per Government Instructions dated 21.06.1990 (Annexure P-3) and also to remove anomaly between senior and junior Art and Craft Teachers which has occurred due to the implementation of benefit of 4 years ACP to the junior.

2. Petitioners caused a legal notice dated 24.07.2019 (Annexure P-8) to the respondents but the same has not been adverted till date. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On advance service of copy of the petition, Ms. Ambika Bedi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

5. Event though, *prima facie*, I am of the view that the writ

petition has been filed pre-maturely since legal notice was issued on 24.07.2019 and reasonable time ought to be given by the petitioners to the respondents to advert to the same, however, given the nature of order being passed, there is no necessity to seek return by any of the respondents as no further proceedings and/or pleadings are required.

6. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to objectively consider the legal notice dated 24.07.2019 (Annexure P-8) and also by keeping in view the contentions stated in the present writ petition by treating it as a supplementary representation and pass a speaking order, in accordance with law.

7. Let the needful be done within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

8. Disposed of in above terms.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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