

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

(129)

CWP-27705-2019

Date of Decision: September 26, 2019

Harish Chander and another

.. Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioners is that vide order dated 19.12.2018 (Annexure P-2), petitioners have been granted the benefit of retrospective promotion from the date when the persons junior to the petitioners were promoted and upon grant of the said promotion, the petitioners have been found entitled for the arrears, which have been released to the petitioners but the said arrears have not been released alongwith interest as the non-grant of promotion to the petitioners, when the juniors were granted, was entirely due to the inaction on the part of the department.

The prayer of the petitioners is for directing the respondents to grant the petitioners interest on the arrears of the salary which have been released to them on account of retrospective promotion.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have served the respondents with a legal notice dated 15.05.2019 (Annexure P-4) 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 by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioners for the relief which has been claimed by them in the legal notice dated 15.05.2019 (Annexure P-4), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 15.05.2019 (Annexure P-4), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

September 26, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No