

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

(117)

CWP-32191-2019

Date of Decision: November 06, 2019

Surinder Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Ishan Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the claim of the petitioner is that the petitioner, who was senior to one Sh. Nirmal Singh, was being paid lesser salary than Sh. Nirmal Singh while working as a Principal, therefore, the pay of the petitioner should be stepped up equivalent to that of Sh. Nirmal Singh. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that claiming the said benefit, petitioner submitted a legal notice to the respondents on 04.01.2017 (Annexure P-1) and while considering the said legal notice, respondents were prima facie convinced that the pay of the petitioner needs to be stepped up to remove the anomaly.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that no final decision is being taken on the legal notice of the petitioner and the matter is being kept pending for the last more than one and half years, though prima facie, the petitioner has been found entitled for the relief of stepping up of pay equivalent to Sh. Nirmal Singh.

The prayer of the petitioner is for directing the respondents to step up of the pay of the petitioner equivalent to that of Sh. Nirmal Singh by passing appropriate orders on his legal notice.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served

the respondents with a legal notice dated 04.01.2017 (Annexure P-1) 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 by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the legal notice dated 04.01.2017 (Annexure P-1), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 04.01.2017 (Annexure P-1), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

November 06, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No