

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

(112)

CWP No. 1111 of 2020

Date of Decision : 16.01.2020

Sube Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Mukesh Yadav, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)**

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the decision taken by the competent authority dated 28.04.2015 (Annexure P-2), petitioner has completed 24 years of service and, therefore, he is entitled for the grant of 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the said benefit, keeping in view the decision dated 28.04.2015 (Annexure P-2) has already been allowed to the similarly situated employees but the same has not been extended to the petitioner and that too without any valid justification. Prayer of the petitioner is for directing the respondents to grant him the benefit of 2<sup>nd</sup> ACP alongwith consequential benefits on completion of 24 years of service.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 19.08.2019 (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 in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

Keeping in view the advance copy given, Mr. Vijay K. Chaudhary, Advocate appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He states that respondents have no objection in case the prayer of the petitioner for deciding the legal notice dated 19.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) in a time bound manner is accepted.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 19.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**January 16, 2020**  
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**( HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI )**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes/No*  
*Whether reportable? Yes/No*