

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

**CWP No.1900 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : January 24, 2020**

Hardarshan Singh Walia and others Petitioners

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and another Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that keeping in view the instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-7) issued by the Government of Punjab, which have been duly adopted by the Punjabi University, Patiala in its meeting held on 23.12.2017, petitioners are entitled for the step up of their pay after they catch their junior reserve category employee in the promoted cadre.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further states that the details of the petitioners and their juniors belonging to reserve category, who were promoted in preference to them, have been given in paragraph 8 of the writ petition, which clearly shows that the petitioners had caught their juniors in the higher cadre and therefore, the petitioners are entitled for the grant of benefits of step up of pay equivalent to that of their junior reserve category candidates.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further states that despite being eligible, the petitioners are not being granted the benefits of the instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-7), which have been duly adopted by the Punjabi University, Patiala. Prayer of the petitioners is for issuance of a direction to the respondent-Punjabi University, Patiala, for

considering their case for grant of step up of their pay, in view of Annexures P-7 and P-8 attached with the present writ petition.

Counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief which has been sought in the present writ petition, petitioners have already served upon the respondents a legal notice dated 28.12.2019 (Annexure P-14), 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 respondent-Punjabi University, Patiala to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in accordance with law.

Keeping in view the advance copy given, Mr. Ajaivir Singh, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-Punjabi University, Patiala and raises no objection in deciding the claim of the petitioners as being made by them in the legal notice dated 28.12.2019 (Annexure P-14) in a time bound manner by passing a speaking order, as per the settled principle of law.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the a legal notice dated 28.12.2019 (Annexure P-14), by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

January 24, 2020

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Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes

Whether Reportable: No