

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-3524 of 2020

Date of decision: 10.02.2020

Saroj Bala

.... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that one Smt. Sunita, who was junior to the petitioner started getting higher pay than the petitioner after she was granted the benefit of ACP Scheme after rendering 14 years of service. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the said anomaly was to be rectified by the respondents, keeping in view the Instructions dated 21.06.2000, (Annexure P/2), reiterated again on 12.08.2010 (Annexure P/4) for stepping up of pay of the senior employee equal to that of his/her junior employee.

Prayer of the petitioner is for issuance of directions to the respondents to grant her the benefit of step up of pay equivalent to her junior employee and thereafter, also to grant the consequential benefit of revision of pay along with the arrears.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief, which

is being claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with legal notice dated 25.10.2019 (Annexure-P/5), 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 respondent No.2 to decide the said legal notice.

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 respondent No.2 is directed to decide legal notice dated 25.10.2019 (Annexure-P/5) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled to any monetary benefits after the decision of the said legal notice, the same should also be paid to her within three months thereafter.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/non-speaking? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |