

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-7396-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: May 21, 2020.

(Heard through Video Conferencing)

Bhupinder Singh Kuttal and others. ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another ... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Narinder Pal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners herein are retired officers of the Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh and are aggrieved against the inaction on the part of the respondents in deciding their representation/legal notice seeking step-up of their pay equal to their juniors as well as to grant interest @ 12% on the same. By way of the instant writ petition, a writ in the nature of mandamus is sought against the respondents directing them to decide their claim as expeditiously as possible.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners herein contends that the petitioners are entitled for stepping up of their pay equal to their juniors in terms of Punjab Govt. Circular dated 14.03.2017 and in this regard several representations had been sent which have not been addressed. In fact, a legal notice was also served upon the respondent which too is pending

consideration. He further submits that the petitioners would feel satisfied in case a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the various representations and the legal notice dated 23.11.2019 in a time bound manner.

3. Issue Notice. Ms Monica Chhibber, Senior DAG Punjab is present through the video conferencing, and is directed to accept notice.

4. In view of the limited prayer made above, I dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to the respondents to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in their representations (Annexures P-3 to P-14) and the legal notice dated 23.11.2019 (Annexure P-16) and take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

5. However, in case, petitioners still feel aggrieved of the order passed by the concerned authority, they shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

May 21, 2020

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No