

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-10548-2020

Date of decision: 24.07.2020

Gurdeep Singh

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Gurdeep Singh, stated to be aged 37 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for issuance of directions to the respondents to enhance the Grade pay of the petitioner, who is working as Assistant Law Officer in the office of respondent No.3/under the Department of Home Affairs & Justice (Jails Branch) from the existing Grade Pay of Rs.3,800/- (in the pay band of Rs.10,300-34,800) to Rs.4,800/- (in the pay band of Rs.10,300-34,800) and to clear all the arrears along with all consequential benefits. It is further prayed that respondents may be directed to consider and decide the representation dated 26.12.2019 & 21.05.2020 (Annexures P-7 & P-8 respectively).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Sunint Kaur, Assistant AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with same/similar submissions, the representations dated 26.12.2019 & 21.05.2020 (Annexures P-7 & P-8 respectively), were served upon the respondents.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, respondent No.2 is directed to decide the representations dated 26.12.2019 & 21.05.2020 (Annexures P-7 & P-8 respectively) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of the order, by taking into consideration the Office order dated 06.02.2020 (Annexure P-6), judgments dated 29.03.2019 and 03.09.2019 (Annexures P-3 & P-4 respectively).

Considering the present situation due to COVID-19, learned State counsel and Registry is directed to send the order through e-mail to the concerned authorities for necessary compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No