

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

CWP No. 14481 of 2020
Date of decision: 16.09.2020

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Harjit Kaur

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and another

....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

(Proceedings are conducted through video
conferencing as per instructions).

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioner (Senior General Category Employees) at par with his respective Junior Scheduled Caste Category Employee Sh. Bhadur Singh (whom the petitioner has caught up on the post of Senior Assistant).

The claim is on the basis of instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-6) issued by the Department of Personnel, Government of Punjab and adopted by the respondent-university vide letter dated 24.01.2018 (Annexure P-7).

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the necessary legal notice for stepping up the pay of the petitioner dated 07.07.2020 (Annexure P-12) has been served upon the respondents. He further submits that he would be satisfied if the said legal notice is decided within a fixed time frame.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Ajayveer Singh, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-University.

Since the decision making process is still to be completed, no useful purpose would be served to call upon the respondents to file reply as it would only delay the proceedings.

Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to respondent no. 2 to decide the legal notice dated 07.07.2020 (Annexure P-12) within a period of 2 months. In case the petitioner is found entitled for the benefit as claimed, the financial benefits be disbursed to him within a period of 6 weeks thereafter. In case there is a legal impediment as such and the claim of the petitioner is not made out, a speaking order shall be passed and conveyed to the petitioner.

16.09.2020
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No