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

**CWP-16213-2020**

**Date of Decision: 05.10.2020**

**DEVINDER MOHAN KHETARPAL**

**.....PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**.....RESPONDENTS**

**CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH***

Present: Mr. Ramneek Vasudeva, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)**

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer made in this petition is for issuance of a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the benefit of revised pension as sanctioned by the Government of Punjab w.e.f. 01.12.2011 along with interest till its actual payment.

According to the learned counsel for the petitioner the benefit has been withheld by respondent No. 4 in an illegal manner, despite recommendation made by the Department for its release. The petitioner joined the Education Department in the

year 1974 and after having unblemished service of 34 years retired as Lecturer English from the District Institute of Education and Training, Nabha on 31.10.2008. The Government of Punjab, Department of Finance vide instructions dated 02.05.2017/18.09.2017 has revised the pension of the petitioner w.e.f. 01.12.2011. Respondent No. 3 has already written to respondent No. 4 to revise the pension of the petitioner w.e.f. 01.12.2011 along with other employees of the institute.

The grievance of the petitioner is that all other similar situated employees have been granted the benefit of revised pension but respondent No. 4 has withheld the case of the petitioner with the reasons best known to respondent No. 4.

Precisely for the grievance in question, petitioner has already issued a legal notice to respondents No. 3 and 4 on 10.08.2020 which is not decided so far.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Ms. Monica Chhiber, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Let requisite copies of the petition be supplied to her by learned counsel for the petitioner during course of the day.

In view of nature of order, which this Court proposes to pass there is no necessity of calling upon any response at this stage.

At this stage, without meaning anything on the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 4 to look into the grievance of the petitioner arising out of the legal notice (Annexure P-4) dated 10.08.2020 and decide the same by passing speaking order in

accordance with law within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

05.10.2020  
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |