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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-20553-2020
Date of decision: 02.12.2020

Smt. Lajju Sharma **.....Petitioner.**

vs.

Punjabi University, Patiala **.....Respondent.**

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. V.D. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Mehsempuri, Advocate, for the respondent.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

The prayer of the petitioner is to direct the Punjabi University, Patiala, to step up her pay on par with her junior in accordance with the Instructions dated 14.03.2017 (Annexure P-4) issued by the Government of Punjab and adopted by the respondent-University, vide letter dated 24.01.2018 (Annexure P-5).

It appears that the petitioner got issued legal notice dated 16.06.2020 in this regard to the respondent-University but the same is still under consideration.

As it is for the respondent-University to apply its mind to the petitioner's claim and take an appropriate decision thereon in the first instance, no cause is made out for this Court to entertain this writ petition for adjudication on merits.

Mr. V.D. Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner, would further state that the issue already stands settled in favour of the petitioner in the light of the judgment of this Court in **CWP-5956-2008**, titled **Charan Dass versus State of Haryana**, decided on

In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent-University to consider the petitioner's claim as put forth in her legal notice dated 16.06.2020 in the light of the law referred to *supra*, if found applicable. This exercise shall be completed expeditiously and in any event, not later than three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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