

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

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CWP-2314-2021

Date of decision: 02.02.2021

Sohan Lal

.....Petitioner

versus

**Director Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department and others
....Respondents**

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: None.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Sohan Lal, stated to be aged 60 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents, particularly respondent No.3 to make payment of his increments for the period from 1998 to 2004 and consider his claim for grant of pension as he was in the service since 1997 which is given to other employees who were in service since 1997 as admissible to him along with all other benefits as petitioner was retired on 31.08.2020, but till date the respondents have withheld his all increments.

At the outset, it can be noticed from the petition that for the same/similar grievance as made in the writ petition, the petitioner has got served a notice of demand for justice on 06.11.2020. In para 8 of the petition, it has been pleaded that the respondents have neither responded to

the said legal notice nor have passed any speaking order in this regard.

In view of the above and without commenting on merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent-Competent Authority to consider the Legal Notice (Annexure P-6) and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of 02 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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