

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP No.5557 of 2021
Date of decision:09.03.2021**

Rajinder Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

(The proceedings were conducted through video
conferencing, as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner seeks a writ of *mandamus* to direct respondent nos.1 and 2 for stepping up of his pay at par with respondent no.3, his junior. Reliance is also placed upon similar orders passed by the respondents in pursuance of the earlier directions issued by this Court in CWP No.22404 of 2019 titled as “**Rohit Garg and others vs. State of Punjab and others**”, decided on 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-8).

Counsel for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this Court to the comparison between the petitioner and the said respondent, which has been annexed as Annexure P-2, to demonstrate that the petitioner was appointed on 20.06.2006, whereas the said respondent no.3 was appointed on 10.03.2008, but he is drawing higher pay than the petitioner. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the legal notice dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-7) has been served upon the respondents and he would be satisfied if the same is decided within a time bound frame.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Simran Grewal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1 and 2 and points out that she has the instructions that the matter is under process and is likely to be finalized soon.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case and keeping in view the fact that the decision making process is now being finalized, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2, to decide the legal notice dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-7), within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found eligible for the said benefits, the financial benefits be paid to him within a period of two weeks thereafter and in case his case is not found tenable, a speaking order be passed and communicated to him.

March 09, 2021
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No