

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP-11932-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 07.07.2021**

Gurpreet Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

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

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Gurpreet Singh stated to be aged 38 years has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for issuance of direction to the respondents department to step up the pay of petitioner at par with respondent No.4/his junior and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits alongwith interest @ 12% p.a. and to decide the legal notice dated 25.03.2021 (Annexure P-8), along with further relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had made a request to the respondents-department to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with respondent No.4 (his junior). He had further made a request to release the amount alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for same/similar grievance the petitioner had served a legal notice upon respondents on 25.03.2021 (Annexure P-8).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents/Competent Authority, to consider the legal notice dated 25.03.2021 (Annexure P-8), and decide the same in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of **04 months** from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

07.07.2021
Shruti

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*

Yes/No

2. *Whether reportable?*

Yes/No