

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CWP-14447-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.08.2021**

HC/PR Harpinderjeet Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. A.G., 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-HC/PR Harpinderjeet Singh stated to be aged 49 years has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioner on the post of Special Police Officer (SPO) as qualifying service for the purpose of seniority for the post of Constable and all other consequential benefits and to decide the legal notice dated 21.04.2021 (Annexure P-10) 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, to count the service rendered by the petitioner on the post of Special Police Officer (SPO) as qualifying service for the purpose of seniority for the post of Constable and all other consequential benefits. He further submits that for the same/similar grievance the petitioner had served a legal notice upon respondents on dated 21.04.2021 (Annexure P-10).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ayush Sarna, Asst. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.4/competent authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as contained in the legal notice (P10) by passing a speaking order within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to say that in case the petitioner is found entitled on merits to the claim as raised in the legal notice, the same be disbursed within one month from the date of decision of the legal notice.

So ordered.

03.08.2021
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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. Whether speaking/reasoned?
2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No