

Date of Decision : 17.12.2021

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

1. Prayer in the petition under Articles 226 / 227 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus for directing the official respondents to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with their junior i.e. respondent No.6, in view of letter Annexure P/7 dated 22.08.2019 and speaking order Annexure P/10 dated 17.09.2020, passed by the respondents pursuant to order Annexure P/9, dated 19.06.2020, in CWP-8290-2020 in case titled as 'Sukhwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others, whereby similarly situated persons as the petitioners have already been granted the aforesaid benefits.

2. At the outset, learned counsel contends that the petitioners have served legal notice Annexure P/8 dated 22.09.2021, on the respondents, in respect of the grievance which is the subject matter of the instant petition but no decision has been taken in respect thereto till date and that in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and

decide legal notice Annexure P/8 dated 22.09.2021, in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion to respondent No.2 only.

4. Ms. Anju Arora, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and on perusal of the writ petition states that she has no objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. In view of the nature of order proposed to be passed, no reply is necessary.

6. Accordingly, in view of the position noted above as well as statement of learned counsel for the parties, but without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the claim made in legal notice Annexure P/8 dated 22.09.2021, in accordance with law after taking into account all aspects of the matter, within four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No