

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(114)

CWP No. 4884 of 2022

Date of Decision : 11.03.2022

Urmila Nijhawan alias Urmila Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

(through video conferencing)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Puneet Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents that petitioner is entitled for step up of her pay equivalent to her junior, Jagdev Singh, who has got accelerated promotion under the reserved category, since the petitioner has caught-up with the said junior in the promoted cadre.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that once the petitioner gained seniority over the junior, Jagdev Singh, she was entitled for the step up of her pay equivalent to the one being withdrawn by said Jagdev Singh but no benefit of the same has been extended to the petitioner, till the date, she superannuated on 30.11.2015. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner has been raising her grievance, which is clear from the representation dated 19.07.2015 (Annexure P-8) and reminder dated 08.02.2018 (Annexure P-9) but even upto now, no benefit has been extended to her. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as of now,

as the representations dated 19.07.2015 (Annexure P-8) and 08.02.2018 (Annexure P-9) are still pending consideration with the said authorities, the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a direction is issued to the respondent to decide the same in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Raman Kumar Sharma, learned Addl. Advocate General, Haryana, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Learned State counsel raises no objection in deciding the representations dated 19.07.2015 (Annexure P-8) and 08.02.2018 (Annexure P-9) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 2 is directed to decide the representations dated 19.07.2015 (Annexure P-8) and 08.02.2018 (Annexure P-9) by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order. In case after the decision, it is found that the petitioner is entitled for any monetary benefit, the same shall also be released to her within a period of four weeks thereafter.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

March 11, 2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes

Whether reportable? No