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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-5493-2022

Date of Decision: 21.03.2022

Suman Sawhney

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

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

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that in the present case, one colleague of the petitioner, namely Sh. Jagdev Singh, who was junior to her in the cadre of Lecturer, was granted the benefit of accelerated promotion as Lecturer (Biology) on 23.01.1992, whereas the petitioner got the said benefit of promotion as Lecturer (Biology) on 13.11.1992, therefore, keeping in view the Catch Up Rule, upon the promotion of the petitioner, he becomes senior to Sh. Jagdev Singh and is entitled for fixation of the salary, which was being drawn by Sh. Jagdev Singh, for all intents and purposes. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents be directed to step-up the salary of the petitioner, equivalent to that of Sh. Jagdev Singh, with all consequential benefits, including the revision of his pensionary benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits the said grievance has already been raised by the petitioner before the competent

Authority in the form of representation dated 16.11.2021 (Annexure P-10)

but the same is still pending consideration with the Authority concerned which is causing prejudice to her.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to respondent No.2 to decide the said representation dated 16.11.2021 (Annexure P-10) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Raman Kumar Sharma, Additional A.G., Haryana, keeping in view the advance service of copy of the petition, accepts notice on behalf of the State and raises no objection, in case prayer made hereinbefore on behalf of the petitioner for deciding the representation dated 16.11.2021 (Annexure P-10) in a time bound manner is accepted.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and without going into merits of the claim as raised by the petitioner in the present case as well as in the representation dated 16.11.2021, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the representation dated 16.11.2021 (Annexure P-10), filed by the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order and in case, the petitioner is found entitled for any benefits, the same be released in her favour within a period of four weeks thereafter.

21.03.2022*Apurva***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

2. Whether reportable : No