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

CWP-9274-2022

Date of Decision: 04.05.2022

BALJIT SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking directions to the respondents to remove the anomaly between the pay of senior and junior Government employees according to Notification dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance which has been occurred due to grant of benefit of Assured Career Progression Scheme (ACP) in the pay scales re-revised in the year 2011 whereby the pay of some junior Government employees was fixed at level higher than the pay of the seniors and further directing the respondent-State to fix the pay of the petitioners and to release the arrears alongwith interest.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners has submitted that despite repeated requests made to the respondents, no action has been taken with regard to the removal of the anomalies as alleged by the petitioners. He has submitted that vide Annexure P-2 a detailed representation was given to the Director General of Police, Punjab, but no

action has been taken thereon. He has submitted that he will be satisfied in case, at this stage, directions are issued to the respondents to decide the representation dated 22.01.2021 (Annexure P-2) of the petitioners in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and states that he has no objection in case the representation of the petitioners Annexure P-2 is decided in a time bound manner and in accordance with law.

I have heard the counsel for the parties and I am satisfied that the present petition can be disposed of at this stage without calling for reply from the State by issuance of appropriate directions.

Consequently, it is directed that respondent No.2 shall forward the representation of the petitioners Annexure P-2 to the competent authorities of different petitioners and the competent authorities shall thereafter decide the representation Annexure P-2 by passing a speaking order within eight weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and convey the decision to the petitioners. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

The present petition is disposed of.

04.05.2022

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No