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

CWP-9929-2022

Date of Decision: 11.05.2022

MANIDER SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Pardeep Kumar Kapila, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the seniority as per merit in the batch, pay fixation, arrears of salary, allowances and notional consequential benefits along with interest @ 15% per annum to the petitioners. In this regard, the petitioners have approached many times to the department and even sent a legal notice (Annexure P-7), but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Anju Arora, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

I have heard counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as the learned State counsel and perused the record.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the legal notice dated 24.02.2022 (Annexure P-7) moved by the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the 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.

11.05.2022

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

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