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

CWP-11419-2022

Date of Decision: 25.05.2022

BALDEV RAJ

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus for the issuance of direction to respondent department to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with his junior employees, and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum. In this regard, a representation/legal notice dated 15.02.2022 (Annexure P-7) has been given by the petitioner to the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that the respondents will look into the matter and will take a decision on the legal notice/representation of the petitioner.

Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to her during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide representation/ legal notice dated 15.02.2022 (Annexure P-7) of the petitioner within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and convey the decision to the petitioner. 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.

25.05.2022

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No