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

CWP-12185-2022

Date of Decision: 31.05.2022

SUKHWINDER SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.... 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 directing the respondent department to consider the claim of the petitioner for granting the Local Rank of Assistant Sub Inspector (ASI/LR) in view of letter/circular dated 23.01.2020 (Annexure P-2) issued by respondent No.2/DGP, Punjab, as the same benefit has already been granted to his junior employees.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would submit that in this regard, the petitioner has already submitted a representation/legal notice dated 17.03.2022 (Annexure P-6) to the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon. He would be satisfied in case the said representation/legal notice is decided in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

At this stage, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and submits that the official 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 official respondents to decide representation/legal notice dated 17.03.2022 (Annexure P-6) of the petitioner within a period of two 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.

31.05.2022

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No