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

CWP-12333-2022

Date of Decision: 31.05.2022

BALVIR SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, 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 an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus for the issuance of direction to respondents department to remove pay anomaly between the senior and junior government employees which has been occurred due to implementation of 4 years ACP in the pay scales revised in the year 2011, in view of notification dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-7) issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance vide which all the departments were directed to remove such anomaly in pay and in view of speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) whereby the similar situated persons have already been granted the aforesaid benefit, 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 10.03.2022 (Annexure P-8) has been given by the petitioners to the official

respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

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 petitioners.

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 10.03.2022 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners 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 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.

31.05.2022

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

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