

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.14448 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision:11.07.2022

**Manjit Masih**

.....Petitioner

Versus

**State of Punjab and others**

..... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL**

Present: Mr.Pawan Kumar Goklaney, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG., Punjab.

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**LISA GILL, J(Oral).**

Prayer in this writ petition is for a direction to the respondents to grant one notional increment to the petitioner towards pensionary benefits on completion of one full year of service in view of judgment of this High Court in **CWP No. 32598 of 2019, titled Gurdev Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another, decided on 16.03.2022**, Annexure P-1. Petitioner is stated to have completed his one year of service on 31.12.2018 i.e., the date on which he retired and notional increment sought to be illegally denied on the ground that increment became due on the next day, on which petitioner had retired.

It is submitted that the petitioner is entitled for the benefit as sought in this writ petition, however the respondent-authorities are not taking any action whatsoever despite legal notice dated 16.05.2022, Annexure P-2, being served upon them.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Sunint Kaur, AAG., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands supplied.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a decision of legal notice dated 16.05.2022, Annexure P-2, submitted by the petitioner, in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the respondents does not raise any serious objection to the restricted prayer.

Keeping in view the limited prayer addressed, facts and circumstances of the case but without expressing any opinion on the merits thereof, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide legal notice dated 16.05.2022, Annexure P-2, filed by the petitioner by passing a speaking order, within four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, petitioner is found entitled to the relief as claimed, the amount be released to the petitioner within six weeks thereafter.

**11.07.2022**

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**[LISA GILL]****Judge**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No.