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

CWP-18852-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.08.2022

JASWINDER SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Navdeep, Advocate, for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

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Application is allowed, as prayed for.

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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 step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondents No.6 to 8, who are juniors to them, in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) of Government of Punjab, Department of Finance, and further to grant them all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Some of the petitioners are stated to have served legal notice dated 22.07.2022, Annexure P-2, upon the respondents, but to no avail.

At this stage, counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners would be satisfied in case the instant writ petition itself be treated

as a detailed representation on behalf of all the petitioners and is decided in a time bound manner in accordance with law.

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.

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

In view of the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioners, without commenting on merits of the case, the instant writ petition is disposed of with the observations that this writ petition itself would be treated as a detailed representation on behalf of the petitioners and shall be decided keeping in view letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) within a period of six months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order, in accordance with law and decision be conveyed 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.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

25.08.2022

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