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

CWP-18785-2022

Date of Decision: 25.08.2022

SATPAL SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, 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 respondents department to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with respondent No.5, who is junior to him on the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police, especially in view of speaking order dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P-10) passed by the department pursuant to order dated 19.06.2020 (Annexure P-9) passed by this High Court in CWP No.8290 of 2020 titled as “Sukhwinder Singh and others Versus State of Punjab and others” 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. He has also prayed to grant him basic pay of Rs.24,690/- with net pay of Rs.56,531/- along with interest w.e.f. 22.09.2016 at par with respondent No.5.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would contend that in this regard, the petitioner has already given a representation dated 09.07.2018 (Annexure P-7) and thereafter, served a legal notice dated 20.05.2022 (Annexure P-8) upon the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon. He would submit that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case his legal notice dated 20.05.2022 (Annexure P-8) is decided, in accordance with law, 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 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 legal notice dated 20.05.2022 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioner within a period of three 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.

25.08.2022
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

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