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

CWP-20885-2022

Date of Decision: 14.09.2022

SURJEET SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... 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 for the issuance of direction to respondent department to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with respondent No.5/his junior, especially in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-6), and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would contend that in this regard, the petitioner has already served a legal notice dated 06.07.2022 (Annexure P-7) to 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 is decided in a time bound manner, in accordance with law.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

On the asking of the Court, 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 06.07.2022 (Annexure P-7) of the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the 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.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

14.09.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No