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

CWP-21944-2022

Date of Decision: 22.09.2022

KULDEEP 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)

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.5 to 8/juniors to the petitioners, in view of notification dated 22.08.2019 issued by Government of Punjab, Department of Finance (Annexure P-1).

At the very outset, it is submitted that the petitioners would be satisfied in case the instant writ petition itself may be treated as a representation and decided in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and submits that the official respondents will look into the matter and will take a decision in the matter of the petitioners.

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Without commenting on merits of the case, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction that the instant writ petition itself shall be treated as a representation and would be decided by the competent authority 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 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

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No