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

CWP-21949-2022

Date of Decision: 22.09.2022

MALOOK SINGH AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, 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 remove the anomaly between the pay of senior and junior government employees according to notification dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) issued by Government of Punjab, Department of Finance, which has occurred due to the grant of ACP in the pay scales re-revised in the year 2011.

At the very outset, counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners would submit that for redressal of their grievance, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 23.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) upon respondent No.2, but no response has been received till date. He would submit that the petitioners would be satisfied in case said legal notice is decided, in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion.

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

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 respondent No.2 to decide legal notice dated 23.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) of the petitioners, 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 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.

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No