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

**CWP-22055-2022**

Date of Decision: 23.09.2022

AVTAR SINGH AND ORS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR**

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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**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 the official respondents No.1 to 4 to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondent No.5/their junior, especially in view of letter dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-7), and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners would contend that in this regard, the petitioners have already served a representation/legal notice dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-8) to the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon. He would submit that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied in case their representation/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, 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 representation/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 the official respondents to decide representation/legal notice dated 15.06.2022 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners, within a period of four 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.

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)**  
**JUDGE**

**23.09.2022**

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