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

**CWP-23369-2022  
Date of decision: 12.10.2022**

**DHARAM PAL**

**...Petitioner**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**...Respondents**

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

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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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 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 grant of benefit of ACP in the pay scales re-revised in the year 2011, whereby the pay of some junior Government employees got fixed at level higher than the pay of their seniors and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest. In this regard, a legal notice dated 14.07.2021 (Annexure P-2) has been given by the petitioner to respondent No.2, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A. G., Punjab, who is present in Court, 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 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 respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 14.07.2021 (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner within a period of two 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, respondent No.2 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.

**12.10.2022**  
Chetan Thakur

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

Whether speaking/reasoned                      Yes/No

Whether reportable                                  Yes/No