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

**CWP-23860-2022
Date of decision: 17.10.2022**

AMRIK SINGH

...Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Navdeep, 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 a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioner at par with respondent Nos.6 and 7/his juniors, in view of the letter of Government of Punjab, Department of Finance dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-1) and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% p.a.. In this regard, a legal notice dated 30.09.2022 (Annexure P-2) has been given by the petitioner to the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A. G., 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 the legal notice dated 30.09.2022 (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, 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.

17.10.2022
Chetan Thakur

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No