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

**CWP-23993-2022**

Date of Decision:18.10.2022

AJIT SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, 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 an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioner as Special Police Officer (SPO) before his regularization as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits, as the same benefit has been granted by this Court in judgment dated 15.02.2018 (Annexure P-5) passed in CWP No.9936 of 2017, titled as *Sukhjeet Singh and others Versus State of Punjab and others* and in view of speaking order dated 30.09.2020 (Annexure P-7), vide which the aforesaid benefit has already been extended to similarly situated employees.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that for his grievance, the petitioner has already served representation/legal notice dated 10.08.2022 (Annexure P-8) upon the official respondents, but till date no decision has been taken thereon. He would submit that at this stage, the

petitioner would be satisfied in case said representation/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/representation 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 respondents to decide representation/legal notice dated 10.08.2022 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioner 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 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.

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

**18.10.2022**

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No