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

CWP-27795-2022

Date of Decision: 05.12.2022

JARNAIL SINGH & ORS.

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. K.G. Chaudhry, Advocate, and
Ms. Sakshi Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

The petitioners herein, who are Constables Drivers, seek issuance of directions to the respondents to refix their seniority on the basis of continuous length of service as provided under Rule 12.2 of the Punjab Police Rules, with all consequential benefits.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners would submit that in this regard, the petitioners have already submitted a legal notice dated 05.09.2022 (Annexure P-5) before the 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 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.

Let sufficient number of copies of complete paper book be supplied to her during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case and keeping in view the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide legal notice dated 05.09.2022 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners within a period of six months from the date of receipt of 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

05.12.2022

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