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

**CWP-26293-2022**

Date of Decision: 17.11.2022

HIRA LAL AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, 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 respondents department to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with respondents No.7 to 20/their juniors, especially in view of letter dated 22.08.2019, and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum. In this regard, a representation/legal notice dated 28.07.2022 (Annexure P-9) has been given by the petitioners to the official respondents, but till date, no decision has been taken thereon.

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 official 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 official respondents to decide representation/legal notice dated 28.07.2022 (Annexure P-9) 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**

**17.11.2022**

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No