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

CWP-26239-2022

Date of Decision: 17.11.2022

HC/P HARPINDERJEET SINGH

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, 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 his junior i.e. respondent No.5 and 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 the grant of ACP in the pay scales re-revised in the year 2011.

At the very outset, counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would submit that for redressal of his grievance, the petitioner has already served a legal notice dated 14.07.2021 (Annexure P-2) upon respondent No.2, but no response has been received till date. He would submit that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case said 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 petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide legal notice dated 14.07.2021 (Annexure P-2) of the petitioner, within a period of three 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.

17.11.2022

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No