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

CWP-28284-2022

Date of Decision: 08.12.2022

PARSHOTAM LAL AND OTHERS

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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 their junior employees in view of order dated 15.11.2021 (Annexure P-2) whereby pay of junior employee is fixed more than the senior employees/petitioners, and further to grant all arrears of pay and consequential benefits along with interest @ 12% per annum.

Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners would submit that in this regard, the petitioners have already served a legal notice dated 20.10.2022, Annexure P-7, upon the official respondents, but till date, no decision has been taken thereon. Counsel 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 to the official respondents only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

Let sufficient number of copies of complete paper book be supplied to him 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 legal notice dated 20.10.2022, Annexure P-7, 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

08.12.2022

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