**122 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.3628 of 2023 (O&M)**
**Date of decision : 01.03.2023**

HC Joginder Singh & ors. ..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab & ors. ..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

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Present :- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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**PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer seeking directions to the respondents 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 the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance which has occurred due to grant of benefit of Assured Career Progression Scheme (ACP) in the pay scales re-revised in the year 2011 whereby the pay of some junior Government employees was fixed at level higher than the pay of the seniors and further directing the respondent-State to fix the pay of the petitioners and to release the arrears alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that in this connection the petitioners have also moved legal notice (Annexure P-4) to the respondents and at this stage they would be satisfied if the legal notice is decided by the respondent No.2 within a time bound frame.

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Notice of motion.

Mr. Sehajbir S.Aulakh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He submits that respondent No.2-competent authority will look into the matter and will take a decision on the claim raised by the petitioners in the legal notice, in accordance with law.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the records of the case.

Resultantly, the writ petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 30.09.2022 (Annexure P-4) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioners are found entitled, their claim be released within a period of four weeks thereafter along with interest (if any) granted to the similarly situated persons.

In case, the respondent feels that petitioners are not entitled for the same he shall pass a speaking order. Any further delay shall entail interest @ 18% per annum and the same shall be recoverable from the personal pocket of respondent No.2.

**( PANKAJ JAIN )**
**JUDGE**

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes
Whether Reportable : No

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