

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

CWP-5267-2023

Date of decision : 16.03.2023

Satnam Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present : Mr. Baljeet S. Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India by the petitioner seeking issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioner as Special Police Officer (SPO) for the purpose of pensionary/retiral benefits, as the same has been granted by this Court vide judgment dated 15th of February, 2018 passed in CWP No.9936 of 2017 (Annexure P-5) titled as **Sukhjit Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others.**

2. Ld. Counsel for the petitioner at the outset contends that the legal notice served at the behest of the petitioner through his counsel is pending adjudication with the authorities and the same has been appended along with the present petition at Annexure P-7 and he limits his prayer for adjudication thereof in the light of the judgment rendered in **Sukhjit Singh's case (supra).**

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Sehajbir S. Aulakh, Asstt. Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 (Director General of Police, Punjab, Punjab Police Head Quarter, Sector-9, Chandigarh) to decide the legal notice dated 13th of January, 2023 (Annexure P-7) served at the behest of the petitioner by passing a speaking/reasoned order taking into consideration the judgment rendered in **Sukhjit Singh's** (supra) within a period of **three months** from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to pay costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket, to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

March 16, 2023
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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No