

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

**CWP No.7935 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 19.04.2023**

Jatinder Singh

..... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab & ors.

..... Respondents

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

Present :- Mr. Ketan Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

By way of present writ petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India the petitioner prays for stepping up of his pay at par with that of respondent No.7, who is claimed to be junior to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied at this stage, if representation served at the behest of the petitioner dated 21.02.2023 (Annexure P-7) is ordered to be decided by passing a speaking order within a time bound frame.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. He submits that the claim of the petitioner in the representation (Annexure P-7) is under consideration and the same will be decided within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

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

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.2- Competent Authority is directed to consider and decide the claim made in the representation dated 21.02.2023 (Annexure P-7), in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, the petitioner is found entitled, his claim be released within a period of 8 weeks thereafter. However, in case the competent authority is of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner sans merit, the same be adjudicated by passing a speaking order in accordance with law after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner within the time period stipulated hereinabove. It is made clear that in case the stipulation of time is not adhered to, respondent No.2 shall be liable to pay an amount of Rs.5,000/- to the petitioner from his own pocket.

Writ Petition is disposed off accordingly.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

19.04.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No