

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

CWP-10904-2023

Date of decision : 19.05.2023

ASI Jasbir Singh and others

..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Krishan Kumar Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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 step up the pay of the petitioners at par with their juniors.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners at the outset confines his prayer for deciding legal notice dated 24.08.2023 (Annexure P-8). He submits that at this stage, petitioners would be satisfied, if the said legal notice is decided by passing a speaking order within a time bound frame.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He submits that respondent No.2/competent authority will look into the matter and will take a decision on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice, in accordance with law.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
6. 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 legal notice dated 24.08.2023 (Annexure P-8), in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of three months 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 six weeks thereafter. In case, the respondents are of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner merits rejection the same be adjudicated upon by passing a speaking order after giving an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner within the time as stipulated hereinabove.
7. The petition stands disposed off.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

19.05.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No