

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

CWP-13021-2023
Date of decision : 03.07.2023

RAVI VERMA

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF U.T., CHANDIGARH AND ANOTHER ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present : Mr. Pawandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner (Ravi Verma) has filed the instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus*, directing the respondents to make necessary corrections in his salary with the plea that he is an employee of Panjab University, Sector 14, Chandigarh and comes under the non-teaching staff.

2. Petitioner claims to be performing his duty for more than 11 years as Security Guard since 01.08.2011 with good character and record. It is stated that the petitioner never got promoted to any other rank and that he is under paid for the job for which he has been performing his duty. As per the petitioner, when he came to know about the fault/error in the Accounts Department with respect to his salary being less than the salary being paid to the other Security Guards of Panjab University then he collected relevant documents/information and he came to know that he was being under paid and his name was under two categories i.e. Security Guard/Watchman. As per the petitioner, he has brought the said issue to the knowledge of the higher officials/authorities at the Administration level and

also submitted various applications to get actual payable salary of being employed as Security Guard; however, no heed has been paid to the same.

3. The petitioner claims that he was appointed as a Security Guard and thus, he has to be given the same salary equal to the other Security Guards of Panjab University, which in fact is being denied to him. The petitioner is stated to have served a legal notice dated 11.08.2022 (Annexure P-10) to the respondents; however, it is claimed that no action has been taken thereupon so far.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if an appropriate direction is issued to the respondents to take a decision on the legal notice dated 11.08.2022 (Annexure P-10).

5. In view of the afore-said submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to look into/consider the legal notice dated 11.08.2022 (Annexure P-10) sent by the petitioner to the respondent and to take a decision thereupon by way of passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. Needless to say that in case, the petitioner is entitled to any relief, the same may be extended to him within a period of six weeks thereafter.

7. The petition is disposed of accordingly.

July 03, 2023

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(HARSH BUNGER)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No