

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

(120)

CWP-3037-2024

Date of decision: - 12.02.2024

Satpal Chhabra

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. K.K. Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajesh Sehgal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction to the respondents to grant the benefit of past annual increments before 02.12.1988 (date of passing the departmental professional exams) and further to revise the pay scale of the petitioner and grant the benefit of pay fixation, arrears of pay and other service benefits along with consequential benefits to the petitioner w.e.f. 02.12.1988, when he passed the departmental professional exams and to re-fix all the retiral benefits of the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioner, the petitioner has given a legal notice dated 13.07.2023 (Annexure P-7) and at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case competent authority of respondent No.1-State

considers the same in accordance with law, within a specified time frame and in case the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be meritorious, then, grant the appropriate relief to the petitioner.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the respondents has submitted that competent authority of respondent No.1-State would consider the said legal notice dated 13.07.2023 (Annexure P-7), filed by the petitioner, in accordance with law and the same would be done within a period of two months from the date of certified copy of this order.

4. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to competent authority of respondent No.1-State to consider the legal notice dated 13.07.2023 (Annexure P-7) filed by the petitioner within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order and in case competent authority of respondent No.1-State is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritorious, then, the appropriate relief be granted to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible. In case, competent authority of respondent No.1-State is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritless, then, a speaking order rejecting the claim be passed within the aforesaid period of two months. .

5. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and competent authority of respondent No.1-State would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

February 12, 2024
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No