

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-3632-2024  
Date of decision: 21.03.2024

Urmila Kumari and others  
....Petitioners  
Versus  
State of Punjab and another  
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY  
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Present : Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate for the petitioners.

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AMAN CHAUDHARY. J (ORAL).

1. The prayer in the present Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is to issue a writ in the nature of mandamus, for directing the respondents to grant benefit of proficiency step up alongwith consequential benefits alongwith interest.
2. Learned counsel would submit that the respondents have not granted the benefit of proficiency step up to the petitioners after taking into account the service rendered by them in the Classic & Vernacular Pay Scale. The issue stands decided by this Court in CWP-16095-2012 titled as **Baldev Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others**, on 16.05.2016, Annexure P-16, which stands implemented vide order dated 21.09.2017, Annexure P-18. In this regard, a legal notice dated 19.11.2022, Annexure P-17, has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioners are sanguine of it being considered in a positive manner, in case, a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner by granting them an opportunity of hearing.

3. Notice of motion.

4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.

5. In view of the aforesaid and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the legal notice dated 19.11.2022, Annexure P-17 and decide the same taking note of the aforesaid pleas, within a period of six months and if found entitled, necessary benefit be granted to them forthwith. However, in the eventuality of the relief being denied, a speaking order be passed, after associating the petitioners therewith.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)  
JUDGE

21.03.2024  
Hemant

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