

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

Date of Decision : 08-08-2024

.....Petitioner

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Mr. T.P.S Chawla, Sr. DAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

In the present petition, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is that he is entitled for stepping up of his pay equivalent to his junior, who is drawing more salary with respect to him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that one junior employee namely Ram Kumar was getting higher salary than the petitioner, which is arbitrary and illegal and therefore, the respondents were under obligation to grant the petitioner the benefit of step up of his pay equivalent to his junior namely Ram Kumar.

Upon notice of motion, respondents have filed reply. In the reply, the respondents have submitted that salary of Ram Kumar was wrongly fixed and when the said fact came to the notice of the Department,

the salary of Ram Kumar has been refixed and after refixation of his salary, Ram Kumar is not drawing higher salary than the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has not been able to dispute the said fact mentioned in the reply.

Keeping in view the fact that the salary of Ram Kumar has already been refixed and it is also a conceded position that after refixation of salary of Ram Kumar, he was not drawing more salary than the petitioner, the claim of the petitioner for stepping up of his pay equivalent to Ram Kumar does not exist any further and therefore, the present petition is dismissed keeping in view the reply filed by the respondents.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed off.

08-08-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking : YES/NO
Whether reportable: YES/NO