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

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Date of Decision: 15.05.2024

Surinderpal Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate with
Mr. Nikhil Singh, Advocate for petitioner
Mr. Pawan Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to consider him for cash award on account of his participation in anti-terrorist operations.
2. The petitioner claims that he joined Punjab Police as Constable (Driver). During militancy in the State of Punjab, he was driver of jurisdictional Senior Superintendent of Police. Many anti-terrorists operations took place during his service tenure and he was part of few operations. He was paid a meager sum of ₹500/- for one operation and ₹150/- for another operation.
3. Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate submits that petitioner was paid a petty amount despite his participation in the anti-terrorist operations. The



other officers were handsomely paid. She, relying upon judgment dated 24.04.2003 of this Court in *Pal Singh v. State of Punjab and others, CWP No.9180 of 2001*, submits that respondents should reconsider his claim for cash award.

4. Mr. Pawan Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab submits that petitioner was a Driver and he never actively participated in anti-terrorist operations. Accordingly, he was paid out of award money. On being confronted with judgment of this Court in *Pal Singh (supra)*, he fairly concedes that competent authority would re-examine claim of petitioner qua cash award, if he has not been granted benefit of promotion.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner agrees to the aforesaid arrangement.

6. In the wake of statement of both sides, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to consider claim of petitioner for cash award in terms of judgment of this Court in *Pal Singh (Supra)*. The needful shall be done within 6 months from today.

7. It is made clear that petitioner shall not be entitled to any cash award, if at any time he was extended benefit of promotion.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

15.05.2024
Mohit Kumar

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