

2024:PHHC:053479

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

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CWP-8785-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.04.2024

Hardial Singh
.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. V.K. Shukla, Advocate for the petitioner

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed for directing the respondents to grant the higher pay scale and other emoluments meant for the post of Block Development and Panchayat Officer.
2. Learned counsel would contend that the petitioner was officiating on the higher post of Block Development and Panchayat Officer from 14.09.2000 till 03.11.2010 and is claiming the pay scale of the said post. In this regard, a demand notice dated 10.02.2024, Annexure P-7, has been served upon respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions, submits that the petitioner is 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 him an opportunity of hearing.
3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made.
5. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the

case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the demand notice dated 10.02.2024, within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

22.04.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No