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

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Date of decision: 18.05.2024

Gurmail Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Raj Kumar Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J (Oral)

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondent Nos.1 to 3 to fix the pay in the promoted post of Superintendent Grade-I, Officer on Special Duty and Planning Officer-cum-Election Officer and to pay the financial benefits accrued on promotion of higher post to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel would submit that the petitioner while working as Senior Assistant had been given officiating charge to the post of Superintendent Grade-II, vide order dated 29.05.2007 but was not given pay for it, whereupon he was subsequently promoted. In this regard, a legal notice dated 15.02.2024, Annexure P-3, has been served upon the 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.



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4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has no objection to the limited prayer made.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 15.02.2024, Annexure P-3, within a period of six 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

18.05.2024
Hemant

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