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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-11876-2024

DECIDED ON: 20.05.2024

RAJWANT KAUR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY.

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

**AMAN CHAUDHARY , J (ORAL)**

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to grant the additional increment to the petitioner on account of higher responsibility as she was deployed as DEO (SE) Barnala vide order dated 13.07.2017 (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an additional increment on account of higher responsibility on the post of District Education Officer (Secondary Education Barnala) on 13.07.2017 till 31.03.2020, the date on which she retired on attaining the age of superannuation, has not been granted, despite her case being covered by similar judgments in LPA-1629-2023 titled as **State of Haryana and another vs. Pardeep Narayan** , decided on 06.11.2023, Annexure P-4 and CWP-2629-2017 titled as **Kamaljit Kaur vs. State of Punjab and Another**, decided on 25.07.2023, Annexure P-5. In this regard, a legal notice dated 15.04.2024, Annexure P-6, 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 her 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 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 15.04.2024 Annexure P-6, 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 her and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to her interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

20.05.2024  
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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)  
JUDGE

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