

**CWP-11885-2024****1****139 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CWP-11885-2024
DECIDED ON:20.05.2024****AJIT PAL SINGH****.....PETITIONER****VERSUS****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****.....RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY.****Present: Mr. Arjun Shukla, Advocate for the petitioner.****AMAN CHAUDHARY, J (ORAL)**

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 12.04.2024 (Annexure P-6) and to complete the Recruitment Process and to issue appointment letter to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner, working as a teacher, is entitled for promotion to the post of Legal Assistant as per the Punjab Education Department Rules, (Ministerial Staff of Headquarter) Group "B" Service Rules, 2018, as per which two years experience is required while working on the post. In this regard, a legal notice dated 12.04.2024, Annexure P-6 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.

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 12.04.2024, 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 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.

20.05.2024
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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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