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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 31.05.2024

Darshan Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate, for the petitioners.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to grant the annual increment to the petitioners for their service, that they rendered continuously for one year before their superannuation and grant them all consequential benefits including revised pension and pensionary benefits, for which reliance was placed on the judgment of a Coordinate Bench passed in CWP-32598 of 2019, titled **Gurdev Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and another**, decided on 16.03.2022, Annexure P-2, against which the LPA-922-2022, stands decided on 09.04.2024, wherein a batch of petitions with lead LPA-696-2022, titled as **State of Punjab and another vs. Malagar Singh**. In this regard, a legal notice dated 06.02.2024, 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 petitioners are 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 them an opportunity of hearing.



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3. 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.

4. 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 legal notice dated 06.02.2024, Annexure P-3 in light of the afore-referred judgments, 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 them and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

31.05.2024

Hemant

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