

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-13811-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 31.05.2024

Kuljit Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Akshat Kalia, Advocate for
Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate for the petitioner

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to grant annual increment to the petitioner for the service, which he rendered continuously for one year before his superannuation and grant him all consequential beenfits along with interest @ 18% p.a. according to the rules and in view of 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-1, 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 14.05.2024, 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 him an opportunity of hearing.
2. Notice of motion.

3. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Amarpreet Singh Bains, AAG 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 14.05.2024 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 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

31.05.2024
M.Kamra

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