



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

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CWP-2129-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.01.2025

Jatinder Singh and Others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Pawan Kumar, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Vidushi Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to grant the petitioners to grant one step higher pay scale than clerks/junior assistants.

2. Learned Senior counsel submits that the issue already stands decided by this Court in CWP-23551-2019 titled as **Raj Kumar Mahajan vs. State of Punjab and Others**, decided on 20.12.2022, against which the LPA-1901-2023 filed by the State was also dismissed on 30.11.2023, Annexure P-14, which was implemented vide order dated 29.08.2024, vide which the clerks were granted the pay grade of Rs.5000-8100/- as also in the case of **Anil Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and others**, CWP-22422-2010, decided on 16.05.2012, against which LPA-1729-2012, filed by the State, was also dismissed on 05.02.2014 and which stood upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP-21590-2014, decided on 07.01.2015. Thus on the same analogy, the petitioners, who were working on the higher post of Steno-typist, are entitled to one step higher grade i.e. Rs. 5480-

8925. In this regard, a legal notice dated 19.11.2024, Annexure P-17, has been served upon respondents, but the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions from the petitioners prays that a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer made.

3. 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 19.11.2024, taking note of the afore-referred order and judgments, within a period of 4 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

27.01.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No