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

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Date of decision: 06.03.2025

Harinder Singh And Others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. K.K.Thakur, Advocate and
Mr. Jashan Singh Brar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amarpeet Singh Bains, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to step up the pay of the petitioners at par with their juniors, in view of the instructions dated 14.03.2017, vide which it has been decided to step up the pay of general category employees from the date when the junior employees belonging to reserve category was promoted, as well for granting arrears of pay and other consequential benefits with interest @ 12% per annum.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners, working as Principals, are seeking step up equal to that of juniors appointed against the reserved category posts, which was granted to certain employees vide orders dated 16.08.2022 and 23.04.2024, Annexure P-10 and P-11

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respectively. Relies on order dated 21.11.2022 in CWP-26308-2022, filed at the hands of similarly situated employees, pursuant to which the State, vide its order dated 20.03.2024, accepted their claims. A legal notice dated 15.07.2024, Annexure P-12, has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He, on instructions, prays that a direction be given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

3. 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 15.07.2024, Annexure P-12, 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 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.

06.03.2025

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**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE**

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